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A Display of Christmas books in one of the windows of The United Church Publishing House.

A LESSON FROM JOHN GORDON

Scottish Letter

GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dunoon, Scotland

His Criticism of Books

When Jesus contrasted the children of this world with the children of Light He had to hand it to the former. "They are wiser," He said. Fortunately He added "in their generation." When it comes to dealing with worldly issues, considerably more intelligence is shown by worldly people. Perhaps that is to be expected. But it is no reason why the children of Light should be hobbled and blinkered. There are issues which are worldly and in which Christians might show a little more intelligence in approach and handling.

Let us learn a lesson from newspaperman John Gordon on how to deal with dirt. Some dirt is not a bit harmful. When a navvy puts a dirty thumbprint on his sandwich and eats sandwich and thumbprint, nothing deadly has happened. But when a writer puts dirt into a pornographic novel, then he causes a social infection. We are able and ready to put anyone under restraint who attempts to dirty a city's water supply but we find it difficult to deal with the essayist in salacity who infects with evil the mind of young people.

To name a pornographic book is to advertise it; to inveigh against it is to play the game of those responsible, and the critic may himself be guilty of the same crime and indirectly cashing in on publicity for his own column. Such literature is difficult to deal with. It slips past frontiers, thrives on banning, and multiplies on talk.

Specialist in Deodorizing

John Gordon has developed a robust technique. The magistrates of a certain town have fined a Lending Library Firm for circulating two obscene books. Gordon is satisfied that this is a genuine offence. He does not name the books, but turns his guns on the authoress. He tears aside her nom de plume and reveals her name, and where she lives. It turns out that she is moving in highly respectable circles. Gordon's revelation has enforced a temporary and self-inflicted banishment. She has gone to hide her head in a remote place.

Then Gordon asks, Who read the original MSS.? Here he pinpoints an individual. He encouraged her. "You have the trick . . .! Why not write a really hot book?" She did.

Next Gordon asks, Who were the printers? Again he finds a highly reputable firm. Again he puts the Directors on the spot. "I am only concerned with the financial side of the business and have nothing to do with the publication," says one. "All very well," says Gordon, "but your money is financing and multiplying mental traffic in filth. You are responsible also. Ignorance is no excuse."

Finally Gordon goes to the shareholders of the Publishing Firm responsible and finds a peeress of distinction and character as one of the largest shareholders. This excellent lady, entirely in the dark that her money is being made by such blushing activities, however indirectly, will find this week that she comes in for some unwelcome publicity by newspaperman Gordon.

As a result of this article I can imagine a great deal of anxious activity behind the scenes. I can also see other Publishing Houses scrutinizing new novels and hastily issuing new rules about indecent publications. This merciless, accurate and personal apportioning of responsibility is an excellent piece of social cleansing and an admirable lesson in the technique of dealing with one form of indecency which is only too widespread today.

John Gordon's method might well be used by a Vigilance Committee of the Church to deal with drink and gambling and all other forms of social corruption.

Ultimate Culprit

The biggest offender of course is Mr. Anonymous Reader, and there is no known method of running him to earth. If he were run to earth he might be called you and he might be called me. So you must put "you" on the carpet and I must take in hand to deal with "me." After all, if by some mischance some dirt gets into your food, your sense of taste arrests the process and you are not content until it is eliminated. If it is particularly offensive you will not hesitate to spit it out. Our sense of taste, cultured by Christ, becomes sensitive that no unlovely thoughts can be rolled under the tongue but is offensive to the whole man. Struthers, that great saint of Greenoch, once went into a bookshop. "How much is that book in the window?" he asked. He was told, and he paid his money and bought it.

"Now would you be good enough to put it in the fire for me," he requested.

It was a good man's protest against evil.

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Influence on Canadian Culture

The Publishing House and Its Editor

G. CARLYLE ALLISON, Editor-in-Chief, The Winnipeg Tribune

The United Church Publishing House has a cradle-to-grave influence on Canadian culture, ranging literally from baptismal certificates to comforting poems on the theme of immortality. In between, it runs the whole gamut of literature, particularly through the publications of The Ryerson Press.

To the younger folk, The United Church Publishing House may mean Sunday School papers; to the average member of the United Church it has a nation-wide following through its paper, **The United Church Observer**; to the reading public at large it means good books on a great variety of subjects—not all of them religious by any means—and published by The Ryerson Press, an important part of the publishing house.

To me, and to many readers of Canadian books, The Ryerson Press is also looked up to not only for its products but for the great man behind its publications, its Editor, Dr. Lorne Pierce. Dr. Pierce has been a bulwark of Canadian letters, a man who has brought to the fore Canadian poets, artists, essayists, biographers, writers of fiction, indeed all manner of people who have contributed to Canadian culture through the written word.

Lorne Pierce is an Editor who is "on the side of the angels" not only in the publication of religious material but also in the encouragement of Canadian writing talent generally. Poets like Bliss Carman and E. J. Pratt owe a great deal of their fame to the kindly interest of Dr. Pierce, even though it is generally recognized that publishers don't make money on books of poetry.

One need only consider the great numbers of poetry chap books, The Ryerson Fiction Award, the books of biography and memoirs, and the issues under the heading General Literature, to realize the contribution that Dr. Pierce and The Ryerson Press have made to Canadiana. Canadian literature would have been much less distinguished had it not been for the contribution made through the office of this Editor, who is not only a brilliant man of letters but a kindly, Christian gentleman.

Books Read and Enjoyed

L. H. CRAGG, Hamilton, Ontari

I'm always delighted to tal write about books, to share exciting new discoveries I been making. Of course, mar my finds are old friends to ot by the time I come to them they are still discoveries to And a discovery should be sha

Right now I have more en iasms than the Editor will giv space to mention. But if I limit myself — and I must— are four that I can recommer any reader of **The Observer** loves good books, and will them the reading they deser

This summer, I finally around to Alan Paton's mo classic, **Cry The Beloved Cou** No wonder people are ex about it. Reading it was a de moving experience. I con it one of the most profou religious books I have ever Naturally, I read his second n **Too Late The Phalarope,** as as it was available. It is different but equally unforgett In haunting, cadenced prose seems inevitably "right," a po ful and deeply disturbing sto told that reveals how dee rooted, how tragically real, i race problem in South Africa

I discovered Elton True late, too, but I'm making u lost time. I know of no writer can present the Christian lenge to the average layman effectively than he can. In al books he has had some important to say and he has it briefly, convincingly and contagious faith. At the mo I am promoting his second **Your Other Vocation,** in whic shows how exciting are the bilities of lay religion, ma itself felt in the Church, in home and at work, and the just published in which he his wife demonstrate how gr

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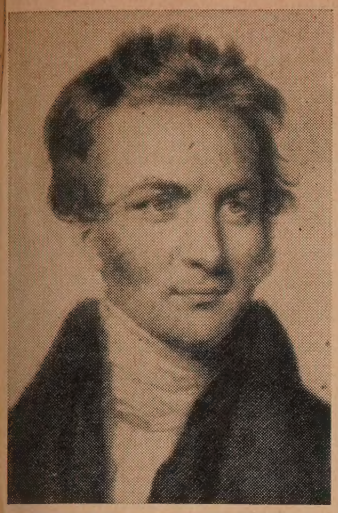
Rev. C. H. Dickinson, D.D.
The Book Steward



Egerton Ryerson, founder of The Christian Guardian and the Publishing House.

'Ryerson' and the Printed Word

C. B. SISSONS, Newcastle, Ont.

I am asked to state in "a thumb-nail sketch" the "influence which Ryerson had through the printed word."

Ryerson's first important article appeared in **The Colonial Advocate** in 1815. It was an astonishing performance and served to check or shatter plans which Strachan had envisaged for personal preferment and the establishment of his Church. This is how it impressed Franklin Metcalf and Anson Green, two solid Methodist preachers, as told by the latter:

"Mr. Metcalf and myself were together when we received the paper; and we went into the field in the rear of the parsonage, sat down by the fence and read the review. As we read we wept and speculated about the unknown author. Again we read and wept; and then kneeled upon the grass, and prayed and thanked God for the able and timely defense of truth against falsehoods that were then being circulated amongst the people. Little did we then think that the able reviewer was a youth who had been received on trial with myself at the previous Conference."

In 1829 when the Methodist Conference decided that they must have a weekly paper, Ryerson was named Editor by a majority of one vote over his brother George, and Metcalf,

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THE UNITED CHURCH PUBLISHING HOUSE

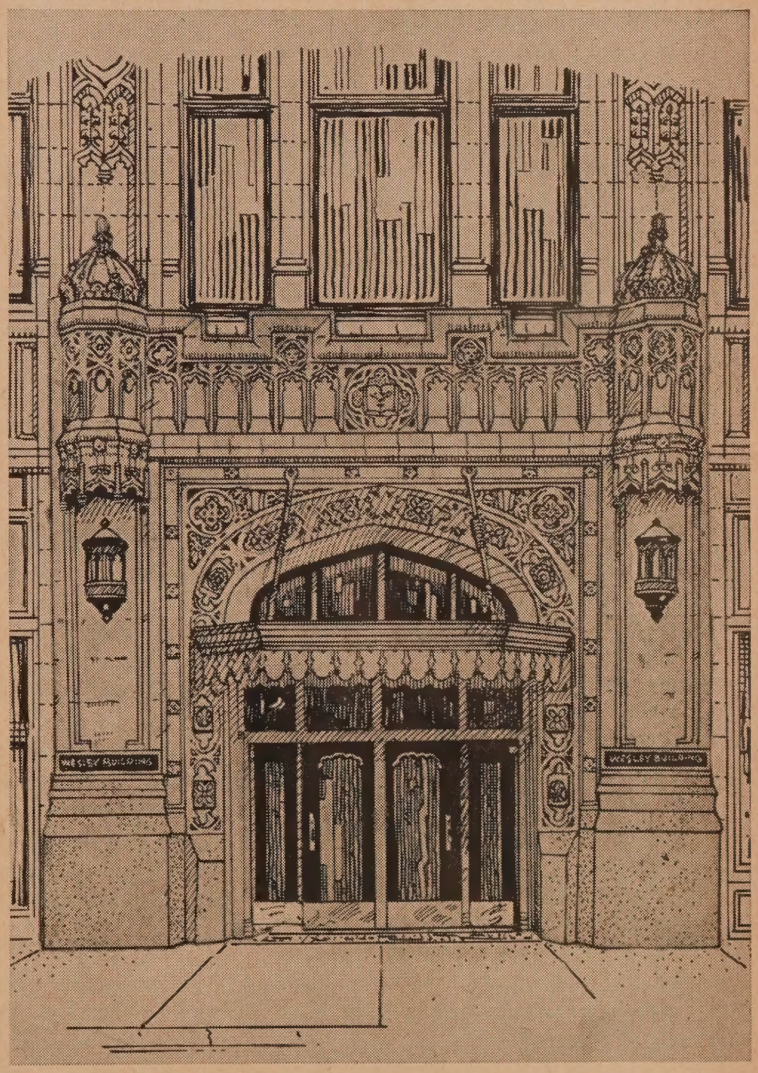
C. H. DICKINSON, The Book Steward

The work of printing and publishing for The United Church of Canada is assigned to and administered by The Board of Publication, appointed by the General Council, as are other Boards of the Church. Because of the business nature of its enterprises as contrasted with the missionary and educational work of some of the other Boards, it is sometimes regarded as a separate organization. Actually it is a great asset of the Church and functions in a variety of ways to serve all Departments, and to furnish congregations and ministers with all printed supplies.

The United Church Publishing House has become a large institution. Our investment in land, buildings and equipment represents as much as three million dollars. The turnover of business has increased greatly during the past ten years with the growth of our Church and with the development of our Educational and Trade Book Departments. Profits earned in the business and not required for re-investment are contributed to the Pension Fund of the Church. The amounts have varied greatly from year to year but have strengthened the Pension Fund considerably at difficult periods.

But The House is not a financial institution. It is primarily an educational institution organized to serve the Church through the medium of the printed word in a variety of forms. Our first task is to provide the Church with its official publications — **The Hymnary, The Book of Common Order, The Manual, The Year Book, The United Church Observer,** Sunday School Lesson Helps and Story Papers, the Annual Reports and promotional materials of the various Boards and of The Woman's Missionary Society. In addition, Church and Church School supplies of all kinds are made available; and religious books for ministers, students, teachers and members of the congregations.

Also, The Publishing House is engaged in publishing educational and general books of Canadian literature for all readers—school text-books, books of travel, history, poetry, biography, art, fiction; and serious books on social, economic, political, national and international topics. Our Editorial Departments maintain staffs of distinction and high competence in their respective fields. They seek out authors and artists whose work adorns our publishing lists from year to year, and makes a large contribution to the cultural life of Canada and the world. During the past thirty years the trade name, The Ryerson Press, has been employed as the imprint on all educational and general publications. The official name, The United Church Publishing House, appears on all Church publications.



The entrance to Wesley Building, The United Church Publishing House and Ryerson Press, 299 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Years Old

The House dates back to 1829 when Egerton Ryerson founded The Methodist Book and Publishing House in order to publish **The Christian Guardian,** the official Paper of the Methodist Church of Canada for almost one hundred years. Ryerson established also, The Public School system of Ontario, and Victoria University.

The names of distinguished Book Stewards and Editors over the years include Rev. S. P. Rose, Rev. William Briggs, Rev. Hartley Dewart, Rev. William Henry Withrow, Rev. S. W. Fallis, Rev. W. B. Creighton, and Rev. D. M. Solandt. We are now planning to celebrate our 125th Anniversary in 1954. Ours is the oldest Publishing House in Canada.

There are almost four hundred employees in the factory, warehouse, office, editorial and book departments of The House. Those engaged in skilled manufacturing trades are members of their respective Trade Unions, with which The House has formal Agreements covering wages and working conditions. All employees with at least one year of service enjoy two weeks' vacation with pay; those with twenty-five years' service are given three weeks. The Quarter Century Club has at present 95 active members. During the past twenty-one years 174

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THE DOWNTOWN CHURCH

The Executive Vice-President of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions in the United States, Dr. Truman B. Douglass, gave an address in New York on November 10th that should be studied here in Canada with great care. Among other things, he said: "America has an urban culture. Into the big cities go many of our gifted young people. From urban communication centres come much of America's folkways and values. If we lose the cities we can lose the nation." He then described the East Harlem mission as an example of what might be done. Starting five years ago as a store-front mission it now has three store-front churches, an affiliated Presbyterian Church, a staff of twelve with other volunteer workers and twenty students from Union Seminary helping as part of their theological training. Their programme reaches two thousand people in a six block area. Apart from regular services and group meetings, here are a few projects recently undertaken: "Cleaning a vacant lot for a playground; outdoor Good Friday and Easter services to reach those who do not come to church; a door-to-door canvass of apartments for housing violation reports that force landlords to repair defective wiring, falling plaster and bad plumbing; contact with city officials on evictions and cases of police brutality; and a revival of the early Christian tradition of small 'agape' or 'love feast' meetings among residents of East Harlem's tenements."

Canada has its downtown problem. Heretofore the tendency has nearly always been to duck the issue. As the going got tough for the downtown Church, doors were closed, buildings sold and the boarder in the boarding house, the family in the tenement left to stew in their own juices.

We have had Commissions in the Church on a number of subjects. There should be another to study this whole problem and make recommendations. It could, for example, recommend that certain Churches be designated downtown Churches, provided with a suggested programme and with adequate funds to carry it out under supervision, of course.

The Church has a responsibility for all God's children, not only for those in the professional class who live up on the hill or out in the suburbs, but for those in the depressed areas and tenement districts as well. It may just be as Dr. Douglass said, if the Churches "lose the cities, they lose the nation."

BOOKS

In this our annual Book Number we present a survey of the season's books. Publishers, advertisers and reviewers have co-operated. We have had to be very arbitrary in the length of reviews because of the limitation of space. But the judgment expressed by our reviewers is expert and fair. Our readers can depend upon it.

In spite of the popularity of the newer methods of communication, public interest in books has not suffered. More books are being published and read than ever before. The obsession of young folk with the "comics" has not killed their interest in the better children's books. These have reached a high standard of beauty both of format and context, and are read avidly and fondly by those fortunate enough to possess them.

So-called best sellers in which filth is displayed in the name of art and barnyard morals in the guise of reality are always sure of an audience. But one of the surprising trends of the past few years has been the growing interest in religious books. Some of the most popular novels have been those with a religious theme. It is quite apparent that a host of readers are about fed up with the emphasis on sex, cocktail parties and the eternal triangle. They are seeking something deeper, something more wholesome and permanently satisfying. This is a healthy sign and hopeful. It reflects a faith in the fundamental decencies of life, and no doubt will have a profound influence for good on the rising generation. It is to help guide our readers to a choice of better reading for both young and old that this annual issue is designed. We hope it will fulfil its purpose.

BEER AND CRIME

Twenty years ago, or to be more specific, October 18, 1933, the Canadian Press was serving its subscriber newspapers with a statement credited to Hon. George Challies, then Provincial Secretary, to the effect that crime in Ontario for the first eight months of the year was at the lowest figure since pre-war days. The war referred to was, of course, the First Great War which ended in 1918. Mr. Challies quite evidently was proud of the record.

The figures for that and subsequent years are interesting in other ways. Turning to the annual report of the Department of Reform Institutions it may be noted that for the full year of 1933 the ratio of population per 1,000 committed for trial was 6.41 and sentenced to prison 4.14. But 1934 did even better with ratios of 5.91 and 3.82.

Remember what happened in 1934?

That was the year Conservative Premier George Henry, who had long been under pressure from the liquor interests with al their talk about crime under prohibition, and with an election in the offing, announced a plan for the open sale of beer. Mitchell F Hepburn, Liberal leader, followed immediately with announcement that his policy was "The same." So, without a chance to register their preference at the polls, the people found the successful Mr. Hepburn giving the trade the privileges of the beer rooms.

Now let us see what happened to th crime record which, previously in a stead decline, had prompted the Provincial Secretary to boast of the figures, as well he might

There was a change in the fiscal year an the department report does not, therefore contain the figures for 1935, the first ful year of the beer rooms. But in 1936 the rati of committed for trial was up to 6.52 an sent to prison up to 4.43. By 1939 they wer up to 9.31 and 7.45. The Second World Wa started that year, and under the stress o things there was a slight levelling off to 6.8 and 5.01 in 1945 which saw the war's end

After the war, and its pressure off, th crime figures began again rapidly to mov up. In 1946 they were 7.17 and 5.27. B 1951 the ratio of persons per 1,000 of popu lation committed for trial was for the fir time on record in the double figures of 10.1 with those sent to prison up to 8.86.

Thus, according to the government's ow figures, crime which was steadily on th down grade previous to the beer rooms, ha been on the up grade ever since and now at the highest figures ever recorded i Ontario.

Yet there are those simple enough t believe that the prohibition era was an e of crime and that the way to eliminate th evils of open sale is more and more outlet

As propagandists the liquor people mal the communists look like pikers.

A WARNING

Recent events in the United States a alarming to the outsider. The attack o former President Harry Truman by th present Attorney-General shocked even the associates. Mr. Truman's stock went up aft his dignified, frank and devastating reply Attorney-General Brownell. His castigati of McCarthyism as a cancer eating at t heart of society is a serious warning whi we do well to heed. In his latest bo the brilliant historian, Herbert Butterfie issues the same sort of a warning in a son what different way. He says, "It is dangero when anti-Nazis become too like Na themselves, or anti-Communists too li Communists, in their angers and hatreds a indignations." It is in that the threat to o democratic way of life really lies.

ADVENT: The Season of Hope

HARVEY G. FORSTER, Welland, Ont.

The Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 29th. It is the season of expectancy, of hope. Just as during the Lenten period we prepare ourselves for the glory of the Easter Resurrection, so during Advent we make ourselves ready for that mighty event in which God came to man, the Incarnation, the first Christmas.

The Theme for the Second Assembly of The World Council of Churches is "Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World." It is a great theme, but already theologians and sectarians are arguing and seeking to gain preference for their own particular emphasis. The American and European viewpoints are in collision, and timid souls are fearing the repercussions which may follow. Much good, considerable enlightenment, wholesome heat, may be the result, but the Advent season means more than this.

For men in every quarter of the world are seeking to hope. Gallant souls are striving and dying for political freedom and for economic opportunity. These are important ends but they are not final. Having achieved these, the good life is still afar. The yoke of the imperialist may be thrown off but famine still exists. The foreign invader may be expelled but life is still sordid and impoverished. Chains may be lost but the gaining of a brave new world is still in the far distant future. So the revolutionary dream, noble and lofty though it is, may prove a snare and a delusion.

And we in Canada, having achieved a measure of prosperity beyond our wildest dreams, having surrounded ourselves with a multiplicity of mechanical devices to make life easier, and having organized the use of every manner of artificial stimulation to make ourselves feel good, find time and time again that life has lost much of its zest. Ancestral ways have been dissolved; old disciplines discarded, and ancient faiths seem remote and irrelevant. So Christmas becomes a time for riotous feasting and an extravagant exchange of costly baubles, with a polite visit to the Christmas service at the Church.

Yet modern man in his great moments hopes or seeks to hope. He looks into the face of his newborn son and hopes. He stands before the shroud of a beloved one and hopes. In those moments when the raucous voices of our age are silenced, and he stands alone with himself, he knows he is not satisfied, that he is not free, that the chains which bind him are of his own devising, that his great enemy is not the communist nor Russia nor the boss but himself. A third world war with the destruction of human life in its entirety might not be such a calamity after all; it might be an escape.

But Advent comes, the herald of a mighty Hope. The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light. All the hopes and dreams of the ages are met in this Advent Hope and in its marvellous fulfilment. The Unknown God has spoken to man through a Man, through a Baby.

Naomi Mitchison in her great new book, **Blood of the Martyrs**, represents the early Christians as speaking to their world. "What you cannot realize is that something new has happened, not before Adam or Troy, but quite lately; something has at last emerged from the current of the world's being which can reverse that current, which is no longer part of it nor under its power. Men have died and their souls have died with them, but we who have become one with the new event will not die except in the world's way." So they died, and the authoress represents the Roman soldier who participated in their death, coming with great remorse to the baker's shop in a back street in the Imperial City where the six Christians who were left continue the Church, asking to be baptized and crying, "Oh, we did sin bad! And then they called us brothers. She did, that woman with the bandage round her head. I don't see how what we did gets forgiven."

In the great words of Gaius Glenn Atkins, the oppressed seek freedom; the thwarted, opportunity; the sorrowing, comfort; the stained, forgiveness. Another one might be added for our world: the lonely seek friendship. **These are great hopes.** They form the Advent Hope. Their fulfilment comes through Jesus Christ. He is the Hope of the World. Only you cannot come into His presence without preparation. The Advent season is the time of preparation.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;
And ransom captive Israel;
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Presbyterian Council Issues Manifesto

DONALD MACLEOD, U.S. Correspondent

Supported favourably in editorial comment in **The New York Times** (Nov. 4, 1953), the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., has issued a letter to its 8,000 congregations throughout the nation.

The members of the Council, under their chairman, Moderator John A. Mackay, expressed grave concern over the trend of events both in international and national areas. They have called for constant vigilance of Communism in its aim to subjugate the mind and life of individuals and nations. But they are no less anxious concerning the situation at home which has been created by "the almost exclusive concentration of the American mind upon the problem and threat of Communism."

American citizens, especially those of the Protestant tradition, are viewing with alarm the "dangerous developments taking place in their national life." Among the most disquieting are (1) the subtle yet powerful assault upon human rights which is being aggravated by the current atmosphere of mistrust and suspicion; (2) some Congressional investigations which have taken on the character of medieval inquisitions; (3) the removal of the true distinction between treason and dissent; (4) the fatal dishonouring of "the shrine of conscience and private judgment" whereby honest citizens are attacked and maligned in a manner entirely alien to our democratic tradition and life; (5) the purely negative approach to the threat of Communism which treats it as a police problem rather than a secular religious faith; (6) the growth of this "fanatical negativism" threatens to create a spiritual vacuum in the American mind which can become an open door to fascist tyranny.

In view of the imminent peril these trends forecast, all Presbyterians are urged to consider seriously three basic principles and their implications for their thought and life.

I. The Christian Church has a prophetic function to fulfil in every society in every age.

The Council reminds the members of its congregations that "religion has to do with life in its wholeness." The Church, while it is loyal to the country in which it exercises its mission, is responsible only to Christ, its sole head, and can view the life of man only in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. While the Church does not presume to supply concrete patterns for the organization of governments or society, yet it cannot condone any violation of the spiritual bases upon which human relationships are set by God.

II. The majesty of truth must be preserved at all times and at all costs.

"Loyalty to truth," the letter states, "is the common basis of true religion and true culture." But the "cold war" is producing sinister personalities who go so far as to prefer falsehood to fact if the advantage of sheer propaganda is served. "Truth is thus captive in the land of the free," the Council deplores. And if Communism "is committed on principle to a philosophy of lying; democracy, in fighting Communism, is in danger of succumbing, through fear and in the name of expediency, to the self-same philosophy."

Dr. John A. Mackay, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Indeed, this situation is more disturbing in view of the practice of soliciting the uncorroborated word of ex-Communists to condemn other people. Many of these ex-Communists have merely made dramatic transfers from one authoritarian system to another and have carried their basic attitudes with them. And not a few to whom congressional committees have appealed for testimony have been individuals whose basic philosophy contains the sinister tenet that "a lie in a good cause is thoroughly justified."

III. God's sovereign rule is the controlling factor in history.

The Council urges all Presbyterians to take God seriously into the whole of the national life. Man-made orders can only be temporary expedients. "God's character and God's way with man provide the pattern for man's way with his fellow man." Therein alone can ultimate security be found and its future maintained. And just because God is at work in the affairs of men, no order that leaves Him and His purpose for the world out of account can or will survive. For this reason, "Communism has an approaching **rendezvous** with God and the moral order."

With this in mind, the Council directs that (1) in our hatred of Communism as a system we must refrain from hating individuals; (2) at every sign of disillusionment in the Communistic mood, let us meet it with sympathy and a disposition to listen and confer; (3) while the United Nations is far from perfect, we owe it our utmost support; (4) in an atmosphere of disquiet, ours is the responsibility to maintain "spiritual calm, historical perspective, religious faith, and an adventurous spirit."

ANNIVERSARIES

St. Andrew's Church, Westwood, Ont., celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the Church this year on October 4th and October 11th, Thanksgiving Sunday. Major Welles of the Salvation Army in Peterborough was the guest speaker on Sunday, October 4th, and Rev. John Coburn, D.D., of Toronto, conducted the services on October 11th. St. Andrew's was formerly Presbyterian and went into the Union of Churches in 1925.

St. James' Church, Osgoode, Ont., Rev. W. G. Dickson, minister. The Church was filled to capacity at both services on Sunday, Oct. 12th. Rev. W. B. F. Corkum, the assistant minister of Parkdale United Church, and Rev. George G. Connolly were guest preachers, with the minister conducting the services.

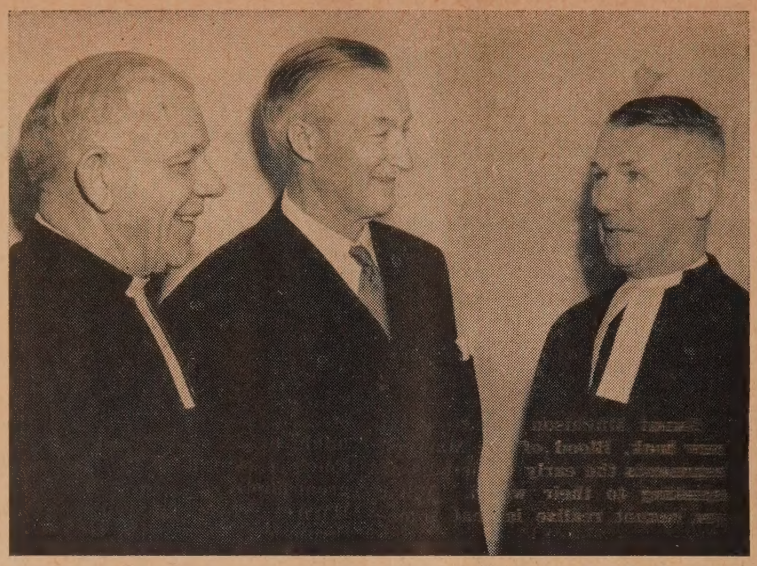
Following the anniversary services, from October 19th to 24th, inclusive, a preaching mission was held with the Kars congregation joining with Osgoode for the special week. Rev. R. R. W. MacGregor, North Gower, Rev. Howard Hamilton, Manotick, Rev. E. B. Bugden, Richmond, and Mr. Hugh Wilson, lay preacher of the Church, gave the messages, with the President of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference, Rev. C. H Ferguson, Kemptville, taking part in the final service. Well attended, with a generous offering given for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund, the spiritual life of the people was strengthened and helped by the Mission. J. R. M.

St. Columba Church, Galetta, Ottawa Presbytery, Rev. J. Gordon Cruikshank, minister, celebrated its 25th Anniversary, with Rev. Norman Coll, D.D., as the guest speaker. Members and former members of the congregation took part in the impressive morning and evening services.

Parker St. Church, Sarnia, Ont., Rev. Harold M. Bailey, minister, celebrated its 40th Anniversary during October. A new Casavant Organ was dedicated in memory of those who served and died in the two Great Wars. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson donated grill work and oak panels in front of organ. The Couples' Club presented new carpets. Speakers were Rev. E. W. Jewitt, Rev. Gordon C. Raymer and Rev. Alex Rapson.

Lyleton (Man.) Church, Rev. F. Hubbard, minister, observed their 50th Anniversary on October 11th with the Church filled to capacity for both morning and evening services. The guest speaker was Dr. Carlyle Parker, of Roblin, a former minister. During the morning service a plaque was dedicated in memory of the pioneers and builders of the Church. It was unveiled by Robt. E. Lyle.

A concert and dinner were held in the Community Hall.



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On Sunday, October 18, 1953, marking the Centennial Anniversary occasion of St. Paul's Church, Stirling, Ontario, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honorable Louis O. Breithaupt, and Mrs. Breithaupt were present for the services, as well as Rev. Alfred Poulter, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, who preached, and Mrs. Poulter. In the above photograph, left to right, are: Rev. Alfred Poulter, the Honorable Louis O. Breithaupt and Rev. A. E. Baker, the minister.

Winchester (Ont.) Church. Attended by large crowds, and with Rev. Harold F. Burgess of St. Paul's Church, Cornwall, as guest preacher, the Anniversary services were held Sunday, Oct. 18th. Over 400 attended the Anniversary turkey supper, which was followed by a special programme of music and films, with Rev. Thomas N. Mitchell, minister, as chairman.

Knox Church, Moose Creek, Ontario, had as its Anniversary preacher on Sept. 27th, Rev. J. R. Urquhart, of Ottawa, who as minister led the congregation into Union, and helped in the building of the Church twenty-two years ago. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Ed. MacKillican, the organist, contributed largely to the success of the anniversary.

J. R. M.

Knox Church, Clearwater, Man., Rev. E. R. Wilson, minister, marked its 60th Anniversary with Rev. J. A. Bowman, Hope, B.C., the first settled minister, returning for the occasion. Rev. S. C. Studd spoke in the evening, and the minister and Mr. Ronald Johnstone, minister-in-training, took part. A congregational gathering was held the Monday following.

Summerlea Church, Lachine, P.Q., was dedicated a year ago by the chairman of the Montreal Presbytery. The year that has passed has been heavy with responsibility, but all obligations are being discharged. Recently, the landscaping of the grounds was undertaken as the final step. Anniversary plans included a family supper for approximately 350 people and "Open House" during the week following when young people's work was featured.

One hundred Protestant children attended the Second Vacation School at the R.C.A.F. Station, Centralia, Ont., directed by the Protestant Chaplain, F/L. N. L. Watson (Victoria Church, Melita, Man.), who was assisted by nine mothers. The well balanced curriculum called for worship and Bible study, memory work, handwork, songs, and Bible-centred games, also a mid-morning snack.

PRESBYTERIES

Assiniboia Presbytery. At t Fall session held in the new Gra elbourgh Church, Presbytery w urged by Rev. H. R. Lane, D. to hold more Preaching Missio and follow-up of non-resident missions. Schools for Elders we planned to be held in Novemb Presbytery took a firm sta opposing the appointment of Canadian envoy to the Vatican. the public service Rev. F. Ho and Rev. R. W. K. Elliott spo The Superintendent of Missio stated that 30 per cent. of t people of Saskatchewan looked the United Church for leadersh Ten new Churches were dedicat this Fall and 23 theologs we registered at St. Andrew's Colleg

Rev. E. T. Montour, Aneroi was appointed Press Represent tive.

Wilkie Presbytery. Mackl United Church was host to t Wilkie Presbytery on Sept. 24t Rev. Stewart Anderson is minist of the Church. Beginning at 9.3 a.m., and continuing through unt well after the supper hour, Pre bytery enjoyed three session with brief recesses, during whic the business of Presbyter addresses by visiting officials, an inspiring worship services wer held. All committees reporte with the result that delegates wer presented not only with a pictur of the work within the Presbyter but also were challenged b visions that reached far afiel Very helpful and careful addresse were given by the President of th Saskatchewan Conference, Rev. R W. K. Elliott; Rev. Elmer Leake Christian Education Secretary o the Conference; and Dr. Rober Hall, Superintendent of Mission for Northern Saskatchewan. Con veners of all committees gav excellent reports, showing that, a far as is possible in such a wide spread Presbytery as Wilkie, th ministers and laymen are makin a constant effort to see that th life and work of the Church, an the whole cause of Christ's King dom, are receiving some effectiv study and work.

Prince Albert Presbytery. Ear J. Pattison and Walter M. Beecham both from Ontario, who have bee in Saskatchewan as lay workers were received as candidates fo the ministry. The President o Conference, Rev. R. W. K. Elliott was present and addressed th evening meeting. Dr. Robert Hall Superintendent of Missions, wa also present, and Dr. Homer Lane Assistant Secretary for Evangel ism and Social Service. Plans wer made for a programme of rura evangelism; Schools for Elders a various points, and Preachin Missions at Hudson Bay, and School for Visitation Evangelism at Nipawin.

PEOPLE

Mr. George Dean Pitt-Turner.

A Church Builder

At Skidegate on Graham Island there stands a United Church of Canada. For more than forty-one years it has occupied the same site and now it represents the largest group on the Queen Charlotte Islands. This Church was erected by an English immigrant who had arrived at Vancouver, B.C., from England, and was hired by the local missionary, Rev. J. C. Spencer, M.D. Today, George Dean Pitt-Turner looks much younger than the allotted three score and ten years. The Church is well-preserved as it welcomes the congregations that still attend.

It happened that the Pitt-Turners who had just arrived from Bristol, England, were uncertain where to go. In conversation with Dr. Spencer, from Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands, they finally accepted the offer to build the Missionary's place of worship. They went to the Queen Charlotte Islands in the summer of 1912 and by October of that year the edifice was taking shape. The builder still looks hale and hearty as he regards the structure which for forty-one years has represented the Protestant faith in one of British Columbia's most northerly outposts. J. B. M.

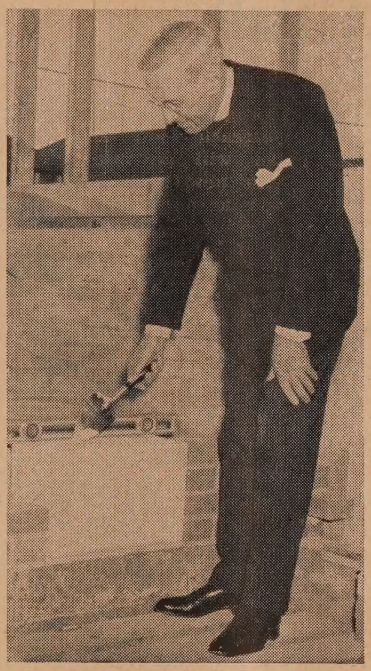
Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goodfellow, active members of Centennial Church, Victoria, B.C., celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. Mr. Goodfellow is a member of Session, and Mrs. Goodfellow a faithful member of the W.A. and the W.M.S. They were married in Heathcote, Ont., lived in Wilkie, Sask., for a number of years, moving to Victoria six years ago. They have one son, Gordon, in Victoria, two grandchildren, Russell Goodfellow and Mrs. T. C. Noble, in Ontario.

Dr. Bruce Hunter Honoured

St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, honoured Rev. J. Bruce Hunter, D.D., its Minister Emeritus, at a congregational banquet when four hundred members and friends paid tribute to his leadership for nine years.

Several friends of Dr. Hunter were present and paid their tribute to his service to the Church at



Dr. Bruce Hunter is shown above laying the cornerstone of the Presteign Church in the eastern section of Toronto.

large in his ministry and in his service as Chaplain in two World Wars. The head table guests who spoke briefly included: Rev. W. Harold Young, D.D., Rev. W. A. Cameron, Rev. James D. Smart, D.D., Bishop G. A. Wells, Bishop F. A. Wilkinson and Rev. W. Morrison Kelly. Mr. Norman McLeod spoke on behalf of the congregation, and Mrs. Richard Davidson made particular reference to Mrs. Hunter's remarkable leadership in the many women's organizations of the Church. Lt.-Colonel T. F. Howlett presided and on behalf of the congregation presented Dr. and Mrs. Hunter with a purse of $3,000.

One of Toronto's most popular ministers, Dr. Hunter has not only carried the work of a large city Church, but successfully directed the merger of Old St. Andrew's United Church and Westminster-Central United Church in 1950.

Although officially retired, he is actually far from it. As Minister Emeritus, he can be called upon to assist in pastoral work, and also he is now "Stated Supply" at Presteign United Church, a new Church at the eastern end of the city. St. Andrew's donated Dr. Hunter's services to this newly-formed congregation from January to June, and now it has invited him to continue indefinitely. He laid the cornerstone of this new Church on October 18th.

First Church, Melville, Sask., on World-Wide Communion Sunday had members of four different communions join with the local congregation. Shown in above photograph with the minister and members of Session are, left to right: Front row: Mr. S. Mitchell (member of Session); Rev. L. H. Sanders; Mr. A. Sedgewick (Profession of Faith); Mrs. Wm. Smitt (Christian Reformed, Holland); Mrs. P. Westerman (Dutch Reformed); Mrs. E. Piercey (Methodist, England). Second row: Mr. S. Matthews, Mr. T. G. Carlton, Mr. R. C. Moir (members of Session); Mr. Wm. Smitt (Profession of Faith, Holland); Dr. C. L. Davison (Session); Mr. P. Westerman (Dutch Reformed); Mrs. S. Edgecumbe (Church of England in Canada); Mr. E. Piercey (Methodist, England). Third row: Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. K. Reynolds, Mr. E. J. Metter, Mr. D. L. Wotherspoon (Members of Session).

The MacLeods in Kirk Hill

Kirk Hill (Ont.) Church, Rev. S. A. R. Delve, minister, was crowded to capacity on Thanksgiving Sunday night as The Chief of the MacLeods, Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, Dame Commander of the British Empire and twenty-eighth chieftain of her clan, whose seat is Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, joined the congregation in divine worship. She was accompanied by her twin grandsons, John MacLeod of MacLeod and Patrick Wolrige-Gordon. Many visitors from various district points were in attendance.

The Chief of the MacLeods was greeted at the door of the Church by the minister, Rev. S. A. R. Delve, and Mr. James R. Grant, Clerk of Session, with Piper Ray Brodie playing "Flora MacLeod's Welcome To Glengarry." Attended by officers of the Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry, with the members of the Session forming a guard of honour, the Chief of the MacLeods and her party were escorted to their pew, preceded by the Queen's Colour brought forward by district Veterans.

The Kirk Hill congregation enjoys the unusual distinction that almost every family is of Highland Scottish origin, many being MacLeods, and the hearts of the people were deeply stirred by the visit of this famous Chieftain. Dame Flora presided at the organ during the singing of the first hymn, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell." Her grandsons also assisted in the service, John MacLeod of MacLeod reading the Scripture Lesson and Patrick Wolrige-Gordon the Psalm. Mr. Delve chose as his text Hebrews 10: 32, "But call to remembrance the former days," speaking of all the ties of faith and love and duty that motivated their forefathers and still have a strong place in Scottish hearts.

Following the service the representatives of the Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry, members of Session, visitors and people of the congregation enjoyed the privilege of meeting the honoured guests.

S. A. R. D.

Photo by Editor

Of the two Coronation Medals in the gift of the Co-operative Movement in Canada, one was presented to Mr. W. C. Good, R.R. 6, Brantford, Ontario, at a dinner in Toronto, by Mr. Ralph Staples, the President of the Co-operative Union of Canada. Mr. Good is an active United Church member. The other medal went to Dr. M. M. Coady, Antigonish.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Photo by R. J. Tschanz

Young People at the Y.P.U. Convention, Hamilton Conference, look over literature.

Y.P.U. Rallies and Conferences

Hamilton — Over 400 Young People attended the 21st Annual Convention of Hamilton Conference Y.P.U. held October 23rd to 25th, in Simcoe. Theme speaker for the occasion was Rev. Gordon Hunter of Toronto. He delivered a series of most inspirational addresses under the theme "Youth to the Alert." Registration at the Convention far exceeded expectations, and the programme, originally scheduled to be held in the Sunday School hall of St. James' United Church, had to be moved into the Church proper.

One of the most enlightening sessions of the week-end was held Saturday morning, when groups were formed to discuss the problems and procedure pertaining to the various commissions of Y.P.U.

One of the final acts of the convention was the dedication of the new executive. William "Bill" Whitley is the President.

Bruce Presbytery. Y.P.U. rallies were held in the north October 15th, when nine Unions were represented at Purple Valley; in the south at Lucknow, October 16th, when eleven Unions sent delegates. "Youth Faces the Fact of Atomic War" was the theme challenge of Rev. Wm. R. Lake's leading addresses. Commission Groups worked together exchanging ideas to be used later in the winter programmes. Recreation was enjoyed. The Rally Worship completed the formal part of the programme.

London — Our summer camps are over, but for most of us there are many happy memories and we are much the richer in Christian experience for having gone to Camp.

Seven Camps were held: Alma, Kenesserie, Huron-Perth, the Algoma Camp at Wakonda, Oxford Presbytery at Five Oaks, Ryerson Executive Camp, and Border Cities week-end camp at Kenesserie.

One of the highlights of the season for Alma and Ryerson Executive Camps was the presence of Rev. Chung Choon Kim of Korea. His contribution was tremendous. As one camper said, "We were so thankful that it was possible for Kim to be with us, for his living witness for Jesus Christ is one that made us search our hearts concerning our own witness."

Rev. Thomas Buchanan, D.D., of Ratlam, India, made a fine missionary emphasis at the Huron-Perth Camp.

Singing, the fellowship of eating, campfires, closing ceremonies, study work and worship, and all that makes Camping a memorable experience, was there in our London Conference Camps. We thank God that so many young people had the opportunity of sharing the joys of Camping.

Ethel Allison.

It Was Really A Rally

NORMA SMITH Conference Publicity Convener, Alberta

Aren't Conference Rallies great? That's just what approximately two hundred and sixty young people from all parts of Alberta had to say after Thanksgiving week-end this year, when the second annual Fall Rally was held in Calgary.

If ever there was a feeling of "togetherness" and purpose in the midst of our big, sprawling Alberta Conference Young People's Union, it was right there — showing in the expectant and eager faces of the delegates as they joined in the opening Banquet and listened to the theme address, "That We May Know," by Don Brundage, Programme Secretary for the Calgary Y.M.C.A.; showing in their sing-songs, and worship periods; in their discussion groups and meal-time fellowship.

It is the second Conference Rally we've had in two years, and Calgary Presbytery's Thomas Scott and Marg Lattman, who planned, publicized and organized the week-end, displayed fine Christian stewardship in the giving of their time and talent to the overwhelming success of the Rally.

It started off with the Saturday night "Get Together and Get Acquainted" social in Scarboro Church Hall. What better way to meet and greet your fellow Young People than with a real, western Square Dance. We puffed and panted our way through a laugh-filled fellowship, then.

Billets and birds have a lot in common on Rally week-ends. Both were up to greet the dawn on Sunday morning for the Sunrise Service. It was impressive and inspirational. Tom Harris, President of Calgary Presbytery, led the worship, and young people from many Alberta points assisted.

After a half hour break, we joined in the public worship at Knox United Church, and heard Dr. MacLeod preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

Lunch, and then — discussion groups and workshops on the various Commissions in the Young People's programme. This was "Rally Outreach" and all who participated will go into their groups with new ideas for the coming year as a result of that Sunday afternoon.

The antics of our fellow Young People in "Camp Capers" kept us literally bursting we laughed so hard. The Camp committee put on a skit publicizing Conference Camp for 1954, and their natural exuberance made "muffed" lines acting triumphs.

Supper, and then — evening worship at Central United Church, where every single Rally delegate was challenged "to write a fifth Gospel today, with a life of service to God and mankind." Dr. Switzer's great preaching stirred us all.

Following the evening service we heard Leanore Kettles tell of her travels to Travancore. Her personal experiences, so ardently and dynamically presented, left us almost weak, in the realization that we had done so little in God's name, for our brothers and sisters "over there." Leanore's plea for action, for gifts and for service will, beyond doubt, have a very real effect on our plan and programme for Missions and World Outreach, in the coming year.

Monday morning sped by as we saw film strips on Missions and the Christian Leadership Training School at Naramata, B.C.

The call for young people to dedicate their lives in full-time Church work was made by Terry Anderson, a theology student at St. Stephen's College in Edmonton.

Lunch, then the appropriate finale to the Rally—Communion. We went not because we must, but because we might, and in each young heart there was a silent re-dedication to Christ and the Christian way of life—in our jobs, in our homes, at school, and in our Young People's Unions.

"Too soon we rose" and bade each other farewell, to go back to farm, school, office and home.

Yes, it was **Really a Rally!**

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In Vancouver

B.C. Young People Gath

The Annual Convention was held in Vancouver over Thanksgiving week-end, October 1h, 11th, 12th, with Young Pe le attending from the Vancou r, Victoria, Kamloops-Okanagan nd Westminster Presbyteries. he average attendance was 125 or the three days.

Garth Waines, President of he British Columbia Conference, welcomed everyone at the open g session, and introduced sev al people, including Barry Bro s, who came as representative fr m the National. Garth also r d several telegrams.

Dr. W. S. Taylor, Principal of Union College, was the speak r. He used the theme of the conv tion, "Hear Christ Calling," as e topic of his address. Then e Convention divided into sev n groups.

At the Sunday session, Dr. Taylor spoke for a few minut , repeating the main points of e talk given the previous eveni , and enlarging on the headings e were discussing. Then the grou s re-convened to finish the disc sion.

The ladies of Dunbar Unit d Church prepared supper, follow d by a talk from Barry Brooks, t Treasurer of National. He spo on what National Young Peopl s Council is doing. His enthusias infected all. Conference You People joined the members of t congregation at Dunbar for t evening Church service. Dr. W. Taylor gave the sermon, using t ideas and answers resulting fro our discussions.

A Project of Edmonton Presbyter Young People this summer was booth at the Exhibition, the net prof from which was $480.00, which will b used for Y.P. work.

Monday's programme include discussions on Programme Plan ning, on Faith and Evangelism Missions and World Outreach Citizenship and Communit Service, and Stewardship an Training. At noon a Thanksgivin Banquet was served, includin turkey and pumpkin pie, prepare and served by ladies of Dunba Church. After dinner, Leanor Kettles, The United Church o Canada's representative to Trav ancore, spoke on her trip and th Conference. She wore a lovely sar from India and talked well.

Muriel Lee of Victoria, B.C., i President.

The Conference ended with the dedication of officers and Communion Service conducted by Rev. H. S. Clugston, minister of Dunbar United Church.

Bless the Lord!

In a remote part of Africa some ropean traders had hired native oesmen to carry equipment for expedition. Like the white race general, they were in a hurry. y after day the expedition shed on into the interior. Fin-y, one mid-morning the native arers sat down on the ground d refused to budge. No pleas, threats, no promises of cost-of-ing bonus could set them on ir feet.

The traders were exasperated. ne was money! In desperation ey appealed to the chief. "Why n't the men go?"

"Been going too fast," was the ply. "The men can't go any rther until their souls catch up th their bodies."

We may smile at that simple lief, but many people here in nada have run ahead of their uls. They call it "making a liv-g," but it isn't much of a life.

The Bible takes us into the oughts of a man who had been o busy for too long and finally became ill. Then he lost his oney and his friends. But a good ing happened. In his sickness, is man had time to think. He ad time to remember that God as still running this world. His ul caught up with his body gain, and this is what the man id to his soul when he met it:

less the Lord, O my soul:
nd all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Now follow the words of this salm as though you were speak-ig to your own soul. Think over e past week. There have been ood things in it, haven't there? hen speak to your soul and say:

less the Lord, O my soul,
nd forget not all his benefits:
ho forgiveth all thine iniquities,
ho healeth all thy diseases;
ho redeemeth thy life from destruction;
ho crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed, like the eagles.

Did you know that God is like that? Know it now, and feel peace come stealing into your life as surely as sunrise, and much more radiant.

But now that you've begun to talk to your soul, is your soul beginning to talk back to you? It is perhaps saying, "That's all very well, but who's going to help you get even with that dealer who cheated you just a while ago? Or who's going to know what you have to put up with at the office —or at home? How can you have peace when life is so unfair? Speak to your soul again, and say:

The Lord executeth righteousness
And judgment for all that are oppressed.

Remind your soul that God has been at this job for a long, long time:

He made known his ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.

Are you saying to yourself, "This is good as far as it goes, but it is still on the surface. It doesn't help me. I can count my blessings; I can even forgive my enemies. But I cannot forgive myself. I have done something wrong, friends are angry with me. If God is supremely good, he must be even more angry than they." Are you saying that? Then let the psalmist speak to you and tell you what God is like:

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He will not always chide:
Neither will he keep his anger forever.
He hath not dealt with us according to our sins;
For as heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him,
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

It is true that you can't forgive yourself. There's no use trying. But God can forgive you. God will forgive you, if you'll give him a chance. You see, he's a "relative" of yours:

Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.

. . .

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children:
To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his commandments to do them.

God said to Abraham, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee . . . an everlasting covenant to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee!" That heritage is passed on to you. You are the heirs of Abraham. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." God's covenant is with you—and he is not one to break a bargain. So if God is for you, who or what can be against you? There is more in this world than "the Western Powers" or "the Eastern Powers." There is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory—there is God.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens,
And his kingdom ruleth over all.

This is the declaration of Christian conviction. This is our faith in a personal, good God who can neither be put off nor put out. This is the assurance with which you as an earnest Christian face the world, and with which you transform the world. Faith is more than the means of victory, faith is the victory.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels,
That excel in strength, that do his commandments,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
Bless the Lord, all his works
In all places of his dominion:
Bless the Lord, O MY SOUL.

DEVOTIONS

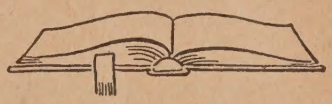
Photograph courtesy Cathedral Films

"My son, forget not all His benefits!"

Prayer

O THOU, who didst lay the foundations of the earth amid the singing of the morning stars and the joyful shouts of the sons of God, lift up our little life into Thy gladness. Out of Thee, as out of an overflowing fountain of Love, wells forth eternally a stream of blessing upon every creature Thou hast made.

Help us to make religion a thing so beautiful that all men may be won to surrender to its power. Let us manifest in our lives its sweetness and excellency, its free and ennobling spirit. Forbid that we should go up and down the world with melancholy looks and dejected visage, lest we should repel men from entering Thy Kingdom. Rather, may we walk in the freedom and joy of faith, and with Thy new song in our mouths, so that men looking on us may learn to trust and to love Thee. Amen.—Samuel McComb.



Morning Prayer

Lord, in the quiet of this morning hour
I come to Thee for peace, for wisdom, power
To view the world today through love-filled eyes;
Be patient, understanding, gentle, wise;
To see beyond what seems to be, and know
Thy children as Thou knowest them; and so
Naught but the good in anyone behold;
Make deaf my ears to slander that is told;
Silence my tongue to aught that is unkind;
Let only thoughts that bless dwell in my mind.
Let me so kindly be, so full of cheer,
That all I meet may feel Thy presence near.
O clothe me in Thy beauty, this I pray,
Let me reveal Thee, Lord, through all the day.

Ell Syfers Schenck.

Peter Gordon White

Curiosities of Literature

NEIL M. LECKIE

My Distant Correspondent

To Wit, or Videlicet, or Namely, the Rev. G. Nicholson, of Dunoon, an ancient and goodly town, situate, lying, and being, on the western shore of the Firth of Clyde, Dear Sir! I notice from a page in a recent issue of this paper that you once made a journey to the part of your beautiful country known as Royal Dee-side. I see also that you were present at a service in the Crathie Parish Church, the place of worship to which, these many years, members of the Royal Family and other important people turned their steps on the Sabbath day. And now I wish you to make another expedition to this romantic country-side, and to obtain for me a small item of information of which I am in need.

But firstly, let me recall three several occasions on which I also have had the pleasure of sojourning in this part of Scotland, near the Dee, the Cluny, the Geldie, and the Garawalt. Once a brief stay at the Fife Arms Hostelry at Braemar, and a walk the next day of forty miles over the Grampian Mountains to the town of Blairgowrie, one small incident of the early morning being a pause in front of the house in which Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his story of Treasure Island, as a brass tablet on a gate-post announces to the passer-by.

My next visit was of longer duration, this time including a Sederunt in the Crathie Church. There were no royal personages in the congregation, but the text of the morning would have been appropriate had the pews been filled with the highest aristocracy of the land. It was the request made by Moses to Jehovah on a hill top, in the words "I beseech thee Shew me thy glory!" and both from the pulpit and from the church door at the close of the service it might have been said that this favour was granted. Past the church ran the silvery Dee, and beyond were vistas of the Balmoral forest and the baronial towers of the Castle, with, in the back-ground, rising sky-ward, "the steep frowning glories of dark Lochnagar." The following day at noon I ate my sandwich on the summit of this noble mountain, gazing down upon the broad expanse of hill and forest, river, turret and tower.

"Being made perfect"

And now my third visit, and the request which furnishes the occasion of this epistle. In the meantime I had come across a small historical item appertaining to this locality of which you are probably aware. Soon after the death of Prince Albert, as all the world knows, there had been erected in his honour the great, perhaps altogether too great, monument in London on the edge of Hyde Park. And another smaller memorial stone was, at the instance of Queen Victoria, set up within the grounds of Balmoral Castle. Upon it, as I was given to understand, were engraved these words, chosen by the Queen herself, from the third chapter of the Apocryphal Book of the Wisdom of Solomon, "He, being made perfect in a short space, fulfilled a long time; for his soul pleased God."

Now in the Church of England, as the Queen would know from her Prayer Book, this Book of Wisdom and thirteen other so-called Apocryphal writings are given a place only a little lower than the Canonical Scriptures. But in Scotland, as a minister living on the Firth of Clyde has no need to be reminded, no such honour has ever been paid to them, except in two of the smaller denominations. In some quarters, accordingly, it was felt to have been unwise for the Queen to choose or sanction this quotation, instead of using some equally appropriate words from a source with which no fault could be found. Indeed, if I am not mistaken, this matter was even brought up and discussed in a General Assembly.

And lastly, or almost lastly! A few years ago in company with some friends I spent an hour in the Balmoral grounds, the treasurer of the party having contributed three shilling to the cash-box of a gate-keeper who gave us permission to enter. On coming out I remarked to this somewhat gruff individual that I had not seen the Prince Albert memorial, only to be told that this monument was in a private part of the grounds, and that casual visitors were not allowed to see it. I tried to overcome this objection with some kind of argument, but in vain, my companions a short distance away seeming to take some pleasure from my discomfiture, one of them even hinting as I rejoined the party, that I might have been successful if I had offered the gentleman in uniform another "Bob."

But now! what do I find! I make the discovery in a volume of the famous English magazine "N. and Q." (Notes and Queries) that the words from the Book of Wisdom are not on this monument at all, but that in order to read them you must leave your bicycle, or other modern conveyance at the foot of Lochnagar, and advancing up the glen of the Garawalt stream or burn, scramble to the top, nearly four thousand feet above the sea, there to find on a slab which forms part of the cairn on the hill-top the words of the inscription to which objection was made nearly a century ago. I must have unwittingly stood near it on the day thirty years since, after hearing of Jehovah's glory from a famous pulpit, and beholding Nature's glory and grandeur both from church door, and from the mountain top.

And now, when you come home to Dunoon and your own pulpit, will you be good enough to preach a sermon in vindication of Queen Victoria in this matter. Tell your congregation that you are a member of the staff of **The United Church Observer** of Toronto, Canada, and that in **The Hymnary** of this religious body, as doubtless also in Scotland, there are beautiful extracts from the "Wisdom of Solomon," and the "Wisdom of Jesus, the son of Sirach." From the second of these also, perhaps in every part of the English speaking world, there will be seen carved below the names of buried British and American soldiers, these words, "That their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for ever-more." Tell your people moreover, that in these piping days of Bible revising, it is high time that these two books were added to the Canon of Holy Scripture as of higher excellence than some which have long enjoyed this somewhat artificial prestige.

THE MUSIC MAKERS

83. The Waits of Pendriffy

FREDERICK J. HORWOOD

The sentinel pines that crown the snow-covered slopes of Pendriffy are etched against the crimson sky, while farther south the sturdy oaks stand in a glow of saffron. From the hill-top down Parker's field you can see a score of tiny figures coasting at tremendous speed, with their happy laughter echoed by the maple woods to the north. As they come closer you can see the bright colours of warm toggery, and their winter queen, Wendy Hall, in a red mackinaw. The children call her Wendy when she shares their sports, but of course she is Miss Hall at school. She is so tiny, but vigorous and gay. She has been tobogganing with her class of robust girls and boys.

Last month she read my story about carol-singing, and in a few minutes she had found a group of singers; not just the eight I suggested, but double the number of sopranos and altos. Count them if you wish as they come along the street, sixteen pairs of pink cheeks and happy faces; sturdy children in the most gorgeous assortment of snow suits you would wish to see on parade. For an hour they have sped down the hill and puffed their way up again; and now they have time for a short carol practice at the school. James, the janitor, doesn't mind staying late.

He loves the music that recalls hi boyhood days. Wendy has foun some good musicians in Pendriffy Ted and Binky Bunnett, newcom ers to the parsonage; Mary an Margaret Trewiggin, and Tomm Tucker, her mainstay as an alt I could mention all of them, eve Bernard who has a raspy sort o voice; but she couldn't leave hi out. He is a bright little fello and a bundle of happiness. Pe haps Wendy will be able to tak the squeak out of his voice; sh can do almost anything.

Now I did suggest that th waits sing six carols from men ory. By the way, in case you don know it, waits were originall watchmen who sounded the hou of the night on a horn, and som times serenaded the nobilit Later the name was often use for carol-singers. So we can ca this little group Wendy's Wait Wendy says they can learn to sin more than six carols from men ory; and why should they b limited to six different places i the village when they sing? know Wendy very well. When sh was very small, she would sa "Guess what I am going to do. But I am still guessing. So whe the waits will sing I don't kno except that they will start in fro of the general store, which is ope until nine every week-night unt Christmas. I hope they will g down the river road and sing nea those cottages where ten ne families are looking forward t their first Canadian Christma I'd like to hear them sing fro the top of Pine Hill. I am su the carols heard from a distan on a cold winter's night woul sound like the music sung by th heavenly choir near Bethlehe when the Baby Jesus was bor Anyway, I know Wendy thinks all such things and there will b no corner of Pendriffy where th carols will not be heard.

Wendy agrees that calling doors for money is a foolish thi to do. If people wish to dona something because they like th music, little Bernard will be th custodian with a cash box for th purpose. Wendy says that doesn't hurt any child in her cla to sing for an hour or two f several nights; they are not th kind of children who compla about being tired; so as often she can find a dozen of her wait they will sing.

Then I know something th Wendy doesn't know: there a at least ten families in Pendrif who are looking forward to ha ing the waits and their leader their guests for an hour aft carol-singing. They will arran some games and provide refres ments; and they will have son

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Teaching India to Read and Write

GEORGE P. BRYCE, Missionary in India, on Furlough

When Jawaharlal Nehru came for the formal opening of the Third Seminar on Adult Education held near Delhi, he expressed his approval of the work that this All-India Seminar stands for. "I tried myself to teach an illiterate," he added, "but it did not work out well. I lost my temper in the first lesson!" This was in character, and everybody joined in the Prime Minister's laugh against himself; for his sudden, quick impatiences are well known.

Patience is certainly a virtue for an instructor. But with modern methods and materials an adult in India can be taught to read and write in a comparatively short time. Out in Jobat, my colleague, Sohan Das, was holding an institute for the Canadian Presbyterians on adult literacy methods. Someone was incredulous about the question of speed. So they put it to the test; a young Bhil, picked at random on his way to market, was invited inside, and consented to try. He was quite illiterate; but in thirty-five minutes or so he was able to read the whole of the first page of the Adult Primer. He was greatly uplifted by his success, and came back from market with some coins in his hand and demanded to buy the book. He returned next day, and again. By the end of the week he was well on his way to being able to read. Similarly another Bhil tribesman, the original of "Dhula the Bhil," worked through the first book in four long afternoons, on a dry stream-bed under an overhanging mango tree; he was then able to read, not fluently of course, but able to plough his way through any simple book in the phonetic Hindi characters.

The modern movement to eliminate illiteracy in India dates back twenty years. It is true that all along there had been a certain degree of education; but the old tradition had been — much as in mediaeval Europe — that only certain kinds of people learned to read and write. In India the rate of literacy increased very slowly: between 1871 and 1931 the improvement was about one per cent. per decade. In 910 years or so India would be literate! Some enthusiasts felt this was not fast enough for an ambitious nation. Japan had made itself almost completely literate by 1900. India stood very low in the list of countries struggling towards literacy.

In the 1930's the number of people able to read and write was doubled. There were now 47 million literates. But in the same decade the population had increased by 50 million! The problem was evidently a gigantic one.

During this decade two things happened which stimulated the growth of literacy. One was the development of autonomy in seven of the provinces. The new Congress ministries were anxious to "make good" and literacy offered one opportunity; in the Punjab, in Bihar, in Bombay Presidency, spectacular progress was achieved. The other important factor was the arrival in India of Dr. Frank Laubach. After his amazing experiments in the Philippines, he was invited to come and advise on better methods of teaching grown-ups to read the languages of India. These are more intricate, especially in their complex scripts. Dr. Laubach held conferences in a few language areas and worked out some "charts." He has visited India repeatedly since then and helped evolve better and better charts and primers for adults.

Teaching an adult Indian to read.

The Church and Literacy

Churches and Missions have a widespread organization devoted to the task of promoting adult literacy in India. The National Christian Council has its special Central Committee; and the various Representative Christian Councils have their own committees, operating throughout a Province or the regional language area, and among the Churches of different denominations. We in the United Church are under the Mid-India R.C.C. Our language is Hindi (not Hindu!) which happens to be the most widely-spoken of the Indian languages.

There are several agencies that are promoting adult literacy in India. Bombay City has a fine piece of work under its Municipal Committee, and has achieved a high degree of literacy. Delhi also has its Municipal Committee, which has been pushing a pilot project in the limited area of Delhi State. The State of Mysore has for years had an active and successful Adult Education Council, partly private but with Governmental representation. Travancore-Cochin, on the south-west corner of the country (which has a large Christian community, the oldest in India, the "Syrian Christians") has also a high rate of literacy. The Government of Madhya Pradseh (formerly Central Provinces) has a special "Social Education" Department, under the Director of Public Instruction, Mr. E. W. Franklin, a prominent Christian Indian; it has done much good work in recent years.

Three Main Objectives

From the Christian standpoint there are three main objectives. "A literate Church in a literate India" is our goal. To attain this we need first of all proper books to teach reading quickly. In this matter, Dr. Frank Laubach has done immense service in adapting his "charts" to the characteristics of various Indian scripts. Ideas from the "Laubach method" have been borrowed by Government departments and incorporated in their modern primers for adults.

The second outstanding need is for "follow-up" literature. Without it the learner quickly lapses into illiteracy again. The Christian forces have a great opportunity here, especially for attractive material on the life of Christ. The language must be simple, with new words repeated soon and with few new words on a page; the type should be large and clear and well-spaced; the book must have some pictures and yet be inexpensive. The Story of Jesus, twelve booklets specially prepared for translation into the languages of Asia and Africa, is now ready in some of the Indian tongues. There is also room for many booklets on matters of village uplift. A series has been produced by the India Village Service group on health, home, agriculture, economics, citizenship, in the form of the continued story of a progressive young couple, Moti and Maya, dealing with their life in the family, the village, and the wider community. These popular books, with several illustrations in each, are being printed and published for the Hindi-speaking area, at Rasalpura, in the United Church's own printing press. Other types of books are also being produced by various agencies; e.g., the Jamia Millia, a progressive Moslem foundation near Delhi, has published well over 100 on all sorts of subjects of general interest and educational value.

In Rural Centres

Adult Literacy is recognized as being one part of "Social Education." Hence some of the best work is done at Rural Education Centres. Here lectures, demonstrations, projects are undertaken, with libraries, radio and films, showing better methods of agriculture with good seed, improved implements, better stock; the dangers of various diseases and how to control malaria, smallpox, cholera and plague; the value of co-operative societies for marketing, of clean water for health, of contour ploughing to overcome soil erosion.

In work for women, adult literacy can especially well form part of a process of all-round development. In Madras for instance,

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PETER'S PRESCRIPTION

In Five Capsules

JAMES FAULDS, Portsmouth, Ont.

(4) Patience

Peter's Prescription for a Christian tonic includes faith, to which must be added "virtue," then knowledge and self-control and "patience."

In the Old Testament, patience is often connected with prayer for some clear manifestation of God's presence in the midst of the trials of life. In the New Testament, it is closely associated with hope for the fulfilment of God's redemptive purpose in Jesus Christ. "We remember without ceasing," writes Paul to the Thessalonians, "your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Fredoric Myers, in his sympathetic, imaginative poem on St. Paul, puts into his lips an arresting petition:

"Give joy to the world, but patience to Thy saints."

Echoes of the same thought come to us from well-known hymns. "Teach me Thy patience." "Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer."

Christian patience is "a saving grace." It is inspired in us by One who is a very present help in time of trouble. It strikes its roots deep down to the very springs of spiritual health and well-being. It heals many ailments of soul and body. As we pray for it and act upon it we become able to bear what we ought to bear, with cheerful courage, sympathetic understanding, and invincible hope.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

MARGARET G. WILSON

A Story of the First Christmas

LILIAN CAUNTER

Ruth was just seven years old. It was her birthday and she was feeling very happy. She had a new dress—not the kind of dress you wear—it was like a long tunic and she had a girdle to tie round the middle.

For a special treat Ruth was going up with her small brother Abram on to the hills outside the little town of Bethlehem. Her father was a shepherd. He looked after a flock of sheep. Ruth always loved to go up where the soft breezes blew and watch the baby lambs with their mothers. Sometimes she put her arms around a lamb and pressed her cheek to its woolly coat. It made her think of the words of the prophets that Father read to them at night; of how one day a Messiah would come. And He would be like a shepherd with His flock. He would love them dearly and gather the lambs in His arms. Ruth didn't quite understand but she knew that it was true that He would come. Everyone was longing for the day for He would be the King of kings.

Today, as Ruth ran behind Father with Abram holding to the end of her girdle, she heard Mother call from the doorway of the house.

"Father, they want women down at the Inn tonight. There are travellers come. When you send the children home at sunset tell them to go straight to sleep. I will not be home till late."

Father nodded and trudged on up the hill with other shepherds. He carried with him a leather bottle of goat's milk and some little cakes. Tonight he was going to watch the sheep till daybreak lest wild animals should steal them.

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Ruth sat on the hillside whilst Abram rolled up and down on the grass. She smoothed the folds of her new tunic. Hidden away in the girdle she had a small carved wooden lizard. Presently she took out the lizard and made it slip about among the stones, pretending that it was a live one. The sunshine was hot—Ruth curled up by an old sheep and fell asleep and Abram came also and lay beside her.

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"Why, if it's not the children! I'd forgotten all about them!" Ruth heard her father say as she woke up.

"Here, Ruth, it's late. Take your brother home at once." Then he remembered and added: "Mother will be at the Inn—you must see that Abram washes his feet, and get him to sleep."

Father patted Ruth's dark hair and then he joined the group of shepherds sitting talking together on the brow of the hill.

Ruth was obedient. She ran all the way down the hillside to the little town of Bethlehem. The last rays of sunshine were shining on the white buildings and the rough little flat-roofed houses.

It was getting late now and Ruth held Abram's hand tightly in her own as she hurried home.

There was no one in their house. Ruth and Abram washed their hot sandy feet and ran barefooted over the rush mats in the low-ceilinged living room.

On a tray in one corner Ruth found some flat cakes and some nuts and raisins.

"It's because it's my birthday!" she cried happily. "See, I'll share them with you, Abram, before you go to bed." Abram gobbled all his up but Ruth saved some of hers for the next day.

The sun sank below the hills and the evening grew dark and Ruth felt a little bit lonely when Abram fell asleep. She crept across the room and peeped out of the one window.

The sky looked very lovely, all spangled with shining stars. But there was one which was especially large and bright. It seemed to shine just over the Inn and Ruth got nearer to the window so that she could watch it twinkling.

Suddenly, she felt quite happy and not lonely any more. Hadn't Mother told her that God watched over all little children at night? And there were all God's stars shining down on her.

Then a very wonderful thing happened. While Ruth watched, a great light appeared amongst the stars. Ruth thought "Why, Heaven's opened!" So bright—so near—and yet so far away, and it seemed to the little girl as if there were music and singing from the midst of the light.

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Ruth ran to the doorway. She wanted to see more of the glory in the sky. But the light had gone, only the stars twinkled again. Ruth wondered if she ha been dreaming.

But now she saw the shepherc running down from the hill Father was coming first. As l hurried nearer Ruth saw that h eyes were shining and he carrie a wee lamb under his arm.

Through the village they wen down towards the Inn. Rut longed to call out and ask wh had happened. But suppose sl was sent back to bed?

Mother would be home soo Perhaps she would know. Rut stood waiting. Presently she cre in to see if Abram was all righ Yes, he lay curled up fast aslee So Ruth tiptoed back to the doo way again.

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Christmas Wish

What can I give,
What can I do,
To make this Christmas
Better for you?

Better for you
Whom I do not know,
A far away child
Who cannot go

Down to the shops,
Who cannot see,
As I shall, a shining
Christmas tree.

I'll ask my mother
If this year, please,
I may send some of my
presents
Over the seas.

That game I asked for,
That book to read,
I'd rather you had
them—
I would, indeed!

Far away child,
Whoever you are,
I hope you will see
The Christmas Star,

Be warm and happy
On Christmas Day,
With a package to open,
And games to play.

AGNES LOUISE DEAN,
American Frien
Service Committe

Christmas Carols

At this time of year we ta about Christmas carols, but lon long ago carols used to be su by people who danced around a circle. Later, they were su only at Christmas time, and no we sing carols without dancing.

A very old carol is about t Child Jesus. He asked his moth if he might go and play with t other children. He was given pe mission, but the girls and bo would not play with Him becau He was poor and born in a stab while they were "children of lor and ladies." Then . . .

Up spake the Angel Gabriel
Upon a good set steven,*
Although thoust but a maide child,
Thou art the King of Heaven

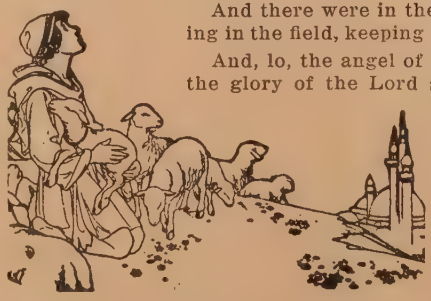
* "Upon a good set steven" mea upon a good sweet voice.

I wonder had those boys a girls known what Jesus was to when he grew up if they mig have accepted him in their pla I rather think they would.

It really doesn't make so mu difference how much money y have, or what fine clothes y wear, or what kind of a beautif house you have. What real counts is what kind of a pers you are.

We don't know the names those children who wouldn't pl with Jesus. They were forgott long, long ago, but the name Jesus will never be forgotten. will live forever.

The First Christmas



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

St. Luke.

Theological Alumni Associations

United College, Montreal

Professor G. Ernest Wright of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, was theme speaker at the Annual Conference of the United Theological Alumni Association of Montreal, when he gave three lectures on the general topic "The Theology of the Bible in Our Time."

Dr. Wright claimed that the Church in our time was held together by organization rather than by personal commitment to God. There is a sense of "lossness" in the workingman, and often he has no sense of the mission of the Church. "The real programme of the Church," Professor Wright stated, "is to get the workingman to feel a sense of vocation in his daily task — not how to get the workingman to work in the Church."

The Conference opened with a Communion Service held in the Chapel, Divinity Hall. It was conducted by the President, Rev. A. B. Lovelace. Rev. J. S. Thomson, D.D., dean of the faculty of Divinity, McGill University, gave the address.

Rev. E. Frank Carey, recently returned from missionary service in Japan, addressed the Alumni on "The Church's Task in Japan." Mr. Carey told about the great challenge facing the Church in Japan today.

Rev. R. C. Tait, minister of Plymouth United Church, Sherbrooke, gave a very interesting address on "Methods in a Minister's Library."

A panel discussion in two parts was conducted by Rev. M. W. Booth of the Montreal Bible House, and Rev. W. T. Eddy of St. Mark's United Church. Mr. Booth led a profitable discussion on "The Minister and his Books." Mr. Eddy led a discussion which proved equally profitable and stimulating on "The Minister and his Personal Contacts."

The Conference closed with a banquet and the Annual Meeting. The banquet was held in the Alumni Library of the United Theological College, with Principal George G. D. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Kilpatrick as the hosts. A short address was given by Professor R. B. Y. Scott on his travels this summer. Rev. A. B. Lovelace was re-elected President. A. B. L.

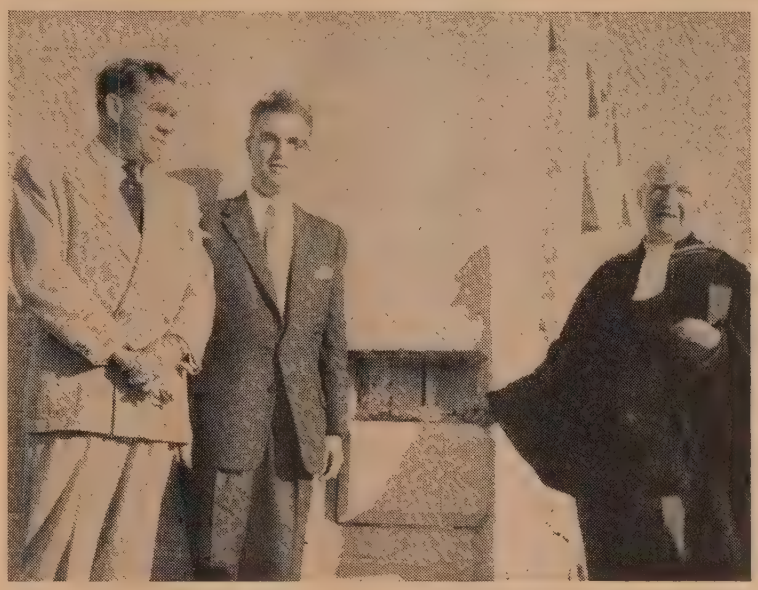
St. Andrew's, Saskatoon

"The best gift St. Andrew's College could receive in its fortieth anniversary year," remarked a member of the Faculty when it was reported that eighteen new candidates for the ministry had enrolled at our Theological College in Saskatoon when lectures began for the new academic year on September 22nd. In addition to this number there are four young men completing their matriculation work at Regina College in preparation for their work as candidates for the ministry at St. Andrew's, beginning next year.

This group of eighteen new candidates is the largest number of students to register in any one year at St. Andrew's College in its forty years of history. In view of the shortage of ministers in the United Church, especially in Saskatchewan, this is a most encouraging sign.

It is also interesting to note that fourteen of these new candidates are from Saskatchewan. As the years pass, more and more of our ministers come from the Churches in this Province. This is as it should be. It is also an indication of spiritual maturity in our congregations.

During the last academic year the Faculty and students have visited several places in the Province in order to tell of the work at St. Andrew's and to appeal for students for the ministry. Plans are now being made to visit other places in Saskatchewan during the year 1953-54 in order to make known to our congregations the need for more candidates for the ministry. R. C. C.



The laying of the cornerstone of Port Nelson (Ont.) Church was a most impressive ceremony. This is the young congregation formed in a new area of Burlington which came into being under the promotion of Rev. A. Keith Love of Trinity Church and the Rev. David Wren, who is now minister of this flourishing charge. In photograph are shown, Messrs. Harland Long, T. Lorne Livingstone, and Rev. David Wren, who laid the cornerstone. The new Church will be ready for services Christmas Sunday and the Dedication is set for January 18, 1954.

Leadership Course Held at Trinidad

At the Christian Education Leaders' Training Course held in Naparima College, San Fernando, Trinidad, the one hundred Sunday School teachers in attendance had two special leaders this year, Miss Ruth Reynolds, National Director of Children's Work, Church of Christ, Disciples, from Indianapolis, Indiana, and Dr. Alvin Cooper, Associate Secretary, Christian Education, The United Church of Canada.

Miss Reynolds was the Counsellor and Resource Leader, for the Observation-Practice School, which, under the leadership of Rev. J. W. E. Newbery, with about one hundred children in Primary, Junior, and Intermediate-Senior Departments, ran side by side with the Leaders School. Here were taught the National Sunday School Union lessons, with Trinidad adaptations.

Dr. Cooper conducted a class on Group Dynamics, and was in charge of the evening sessions in Leadership Training. He opened up a new vista of Christian leadership. Rev. C. W. Shultz and Rev. Sydney Poupard conducted morning Bible Study and sunset Vespers. Recreation and singing and an expedition to Quinam Beach were important events.

The Right Rev. J. F. Seunarine (Presbyterian), the Dean of the Course, and the chairman of the Planning Committee which had worked many months in advance, and the Dean of Women, Sister E. M. Watson (Methodist), were busy from morning until late night with administrative duties, and friendly counselling. The Right Rev. J. F. Seunarine gave the keynote address on the opening day, that started the course aright; and on the closing day he administered communion, in a significant and impressive Closing Ceremony.

Kemptville (Ont.) Church, Rev. Thomas McNaught, minister, had Rev. Clarence H. Ferguson, the President of Montreal and Ottawa Conference, as guest preacher for Anniversary services.

Renovations

The Church at Simmie, Sask.

Something like a thousand hours of voluntary labour have been given by the congregation of the Church in Simmie, Sask., the work being done under the direction of the student minister, Glen Lucas, and the Woman's Association. They have changed the old dilapidated Church moved from Beverley in 1949 into one of the most attractive rural Churches in the district. The outside was transformed first and then the inside. A chancel was built and furnished by gifts. An anonymous gift was received towards the landscaping.

Rev. R. W. K. Elliott, president of Saskatchewan Conference, was present for the dedication service. He was assisted by Rev. W. J. Bell, Rev. D. A. MacPherson and Glen Lucas. A gowned choir led the singing. Buffet lunch was served to 200 people.

The congregation is ten years old. They have had a Church for only four years, but they have accomplished marvels. Enough money was raised during the summer to pay for all work done. The lovely little white Church is set on the top of a hill overlooking the prairie town of Simmie. The community is very proud of it.

The Church at Freetown, Prince Edward Island

When men and women give their time to the renovating of a Church—things happen. It all began with a spot on the ceiling, and before it was finished the whole interior of the Church had been renewed and furnishings presented and placed. Nothing unites a Church more efficiently than working for it.

Rev. J. K. Campbell, the minister, conducted the Rededication Service and Rev. Harold Kennedy, a former student minister, was guest speaker. There was special music. The massed choirs of North Bedeque and Freetown Churches led the singing.

Fenwick Church, Rev. Ross Hare, minister, recently held a Dedication Service in which gratitude was expressed to Almighty God for increased equipment in the Church building. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Horace Kilman, the building committee erected a majestic side entrance, making possible an increase in seating accommodation. Chairman Chas. Elliott, with the stewards and trustees, installed an oil heating system, and re-decorated the interior. Sponsored by the choir and stewards, a Keates pipe organ was purchased, as a memorial to those who served in the armed forces during two world wars, and to those who laid down their lives—Stanley Patterson and Paul Tokar. These, together with a beautiful lectern and guest book, made and donated by Mr. John Mossip, were dedicated by the guest preacher, Rev. S. B. Stokes, D.D., of London, Superintendent of Home Missions.

Student Comes to Pine Hill

An Interview by the Editor

He was brought to the office by Rev. Floyd Honey, Board of Overseas Missions.

"Well, Paul," I said, after the introductions were over, "so you are from Trinidad?"

"Do you know," I continued, "I have always had a soft spot in my heart for Trinidad? One of the first ministers I can remember was Rev. Harvey Morton, son of the founder of the Trinidad Mission and who later was himself a missionary there.

"But," I said, "tell me about yourself. I didn't catch your surname."

"Sharma," he answered. "Paul Sharma of Sangre Grande."

"Are you a second generation Christian?" I asked this youthful-looking Trinidadian.

"You will be surprised to know," he replied, "that my father was a Hindu priest and my sister is married to a Hindu priest, and my mother is a Hindu."

"How come you are a Christian?" I pursued, my curiosity aroused.

"I always felt my father, who is now dead, was not satisfied with Hinduism, though he never said so openly and he never objected to my going to a Christian school even though I had to pass the secular school in doing so. So when I got old enough to think things through for myself I committed my life to Christ."

"And now?" I interjected.

"Well, I'm here as the first student on a new arrangement with Pine Hill Divinity Hall," he said. "The plan provides for the theological training of ministers from Trinidad enrolled in the General Council's short course. The student takes one year theology in Trinidad and then the other two at Pine Hill, Halifax."

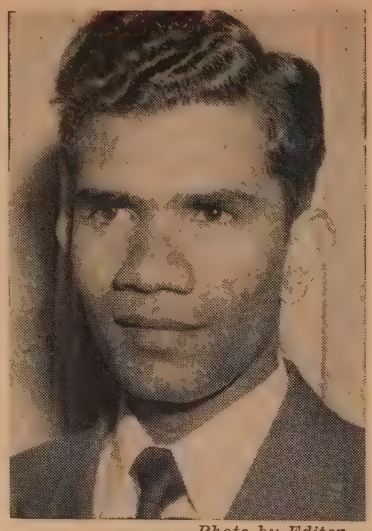


Photo by Editor
Mr. Paul Sharma.

"And after that?"

"Well, after that I'll be ordained and dedicate my life to the people of Trinidad."

"Now one more question, Paul. What about Trinidad and religion?"

"Trinidad can now be called 'Christian'," answered my visitor. "Not that everybody is a Christian, but Hinduism has a waning influence. The dominant culture is Christian, and the centre of all that is the Church and the Church Schools."

"That's a long way," I concluded, as I wished this student well, "from the time when our first missionary gathered a few children on the doorstep of his home and began his first school."

VALEDICTORY

In tribute to his many friends and associates in The Publishing House and throughout the Church, Mr. J. T. Body has written the following to mark the occasion of his retirement after 43 years with the House:

Why He loves me,
I cannot tell.
It must be
He knows me well

And counts for good
My motives and desires
To love Him
And the things He loves,
Even though I falter
And disappoint Him so:
Just why He loves me,
I really do not know—
Unless it be
He sees in me
An imperfect image
Of His heart's desire
And plan when life began
For me.

But this I know,
He will not let me go
My way alone:
He still has faith in me
And lights my path
With human love.

It must be so,
That you and He
Do both believe
In me!

—J. T. Body

Toronto,
November, 1953.

Mr. J. T. Body.

Dr. Thomas to Cheltenham

Dr. Winnifred Thomas, who recently retired as General Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, has undertaken her new responsibilities as Hostess of Kaufman House, the holiday and rest centre for the women workers of the United Church, at Cheltenham, Ontario.

Dr. Thomas has just returned to Canada after six months spent in Britain and on the continent, where she attended meetings of the World Union of Congregationalists, saw refugee and rehabilitation centres for displaced persons, visited the community of St. Juliens for missionaries on furlough and other Church workers, and shared in many aspects of life overseas. Her appointment as Hostess at Kaufman House will be welcomed by missionaries, deaconesses and other women workers in the Church, as well as by her many other friends.

Kaufman House is a holiday and rest centre given by Miss Emma Kaufman in order to provide a centre away from the city where people could go for rest, holiday, study, small conferences, and informal gatherings. Its primary purpose is to serve the women workers of the United Church, but the House is also available to others, both men and women, for meals, afternoon teas, overnight visits, and other purposes. It is located in the village of Cheltenham, 30 miles from Toronto, on the beautiful Credit River, and is easily accessible by bus and train from Toronto, Hamilton, and other places. Dr. Thomas would be delighted to answer enquiries addressed to her at Kaufman House, Cheltenham, Ontario.

Rev. Joseph H. Lynn of Ahuntsic United Church, Montreal North, was inducted as minister of the East Gloucester-Hawthorne Charge, Ottawa Presbytery, on Friday, Oct. 16th, with Rev. A. M. J. Gray, D.D., Presbytery chairman, conducting. He was assisted by Rev. James A. Miller, Rev. Arthur J. Love and Rev. George D. Campbell. Attended by a large congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn were welcomed at a reception following the service. J. R. M.

Memorial Plaque Unveiled

Dr. F. E. Archibald, President, represented the Maritime Conference at the unveiling of a plaque on a cairn erected on the site of the former Dover Methodist Church. Built in 1848, it served the community until 1950, when Moncton Presbytery decided to dispose of it, there being only two resident families. Former members decided to establish a fund for a Memorial and for landscaping the adjoining burial grounds. Dr. Archibald dedicated the plaque and delivered an address. The plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Emma Gay, Moncton, a granddaughter of one of the Church's pioneers. Rev. K. M. Findlay, Secretary, representing Moncton Presbytery, was in charge of the service.

Rev. John T. Stewart, Nashwaaksis, N.B., (shown above) was appointed Principal-Elect of the Atlantic Christian Training Centre at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Don Reid Shubenacadie, N.S., was elected Chairman; Rev. J. Elton Davidge, Chairman Site Committee; Rev. Aubrey Moore Chairman Recruiting Committee.

A.C.T.C. Board Meets First Time

A Board of Directors for the Atlantic Christian Training Centre was appointed at the Spring Conference sessions. This Board met for the first time on Thursday, Sept. 17th, at Berwick, N.S., on the closing day of the experimental session of the Centre. It gave the members of the Board an opportunity to attend the graduation exercises. It marked the end of two year's labours of the committee responsible for setting up the first session. It also marked the beginning of the work of the Board of Directors. Mr. Don Reid of Shubenacadie, N.S., was elected Chairman; Rev. John T. Stewart of Nashwaaksis, N.B., Principal-elect.

Two important committees were also appointed: The Site Committee with Rev. J. Elton Davidge as Chairman, and the Recruiting Committee with Rev. Aubrey Moore as Chairman. The Site Committee is already inviting suggestions from Board members about a possible site. The Finance and Recruiting Committees already have the "Friends of the Centre" idea under way, whereby any person may become a friend of the Centre by pledging to support it through their prayers, by telling others about it, by recruiting students, and by their financial help.

The Ryerson Press

LORNE PIERCE, Editor

The Ryerson Press was founded in 1829. It is the oldest publishing house in Canada, and for thirty years was the only publishing house in British North America where books were continuously made. The Ryerson Press is not only first in point of time; it trained many who later went out to found their own publishing houses. Therefore, in a very real sense, this house became the Mother Publishing House of Canada. The Methodist Book and Publishing House came into being by resolution of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada. Its immediate concern was: to fight the Family Compact in Upper Canada; promote responsible government; obtain for non-conformist ministers the right to perform marriages; secure free educational opportunities for all without benefit of religious test; and compel the government to make the crown lands available for the support of all Protestant clergy.

Egerton Ryerson was appointed editor and publisher and set out for New York by stage to purchase a small hand press. For a time he was pressman, mail clerk, editor and business manager combined. He began with the publication of periodicals, above all with **The Christian Guardian,** and soon added books to his programme. Though only twenty-six years of age, Ryerson became the champion of democracy in government, religion and education, and today is recognized as one of the makers of Canada.

After founding the Publishing House he proceeded, in 1841, to found Victoria University, the first non-conformist degree conferring college in the Empire to receive a Royal Charter. Shortly afterward he was appointed Chief Superintendent of Education for Ontario, and from 1844 to 1876 laid the foundation of the public school system of Canada as we today know it.

In 1915 the Publishing House moved to its present site, 299 Queen St. W., under the management of Dr. William Briggs, Book Steward for forty years.

Early in the history of the House those publications which were authorized by the Church appeared under the imprint of The Methodist Book and Publishing House, while other publications, for the most part secular, were issued under the names of the Book Stewards. So it was that for a century a growing multitude of books and pamphlets appeared with the names of Ryerson, Richardson, Green, Sanderson, Rose and Briggs on the title pages. When Dr. Samuel Wesley Fallis was appointed Book Steward, in 1918, he decided that a change should be made, and a permanent imprint chosen for trade titles as distinguished from distinctly official Church publications. In 1920 the name agreed upon was The Ryerson Press, and a colophon was chosen incorporating Ryerson's portrait. This colophon was never satisfactory, and after many experiments the House finally settled upon the colophon designed by Thoreau MacDonald.

The pressman touches a button on the new machine upon which THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER is printed. Standing beside it, left to right, are: Dr. C. H. Dickinson, The Book Steward; Dr. A. J. Wilson, the Editor; and Dr. George Little, Director of the Every Family Campaign.

In time the Publishing House came to represent a Canadian Methodist Church, the result of unions among various Methodist bodies, Episcopal, Wesleyan and many others. Then, in 1925, came the great union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. Each had been among the pioneer publishers of Canada, the Methodist Church leading off in 1829, the Congregational Church coming next, in 1842, and the Presbyterian Church following in 1848. The names of all their general managers and editors are too numerous to list here, but the United Church will not forget those of Carroll, Withrow, Murray, Croil, Smith, Fraser, Haddow, Creighton, Silcox, and Barker.

The House began with one publication in one room, and has developed into this vast enterprise with a dozen departments, each a great business in its own right: Editorial Department; Book Department (Trade, Educational and Library Divisions); Publicity; Department of Church and Church School Supplies; Film Service; Manufacturing; Purchasing and Maintenance; Accounting and Business Offices. The House acts as agent for over two score of other publishers through our Trade Department. The Library Sales Division specializes in sales to Public and Institutional libraries. Here, by special arrangement, we sell the books of all publishers, and render a service to librarians unique among Canadian publishers. The annual growth in our business indicates the esteem in which this service is held. The Educational Division publishes books by Canadian educationists for Canadian institutions on all levels, from kindergarten to university. House Publications cover the entire field of general publications in Canadian literature. Approximately 1,500,000 books and pamphlets are issued each year from our plant, besides some three score periodicals running into hundreds of thousands of copies, all of which use some 10,000 pounds of ink and 1,000 tons of paper a year.

The House that Ryerson founded is national in every sense of the word. Its head office is located in Toronto, and from there travellers visit every province frequently. Thus truly does the work of the House extend from sea to sea. Above all, its interests are national. Its history is identified in a very real way with the development of Canada—its democratic, cultural, social and religious life. It has also been untiring in interpreting East to West and West to East, French to English and English to French, in the hope that the Confederation may become an even more glorious reality.

RYERSON

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Assistant Editor. The influence of **The Christian Guardian** quickly extended beyond the body which published it. By 1831 from a quarter to a third of the subscribers were not Methodists, and by 1837 a traveller remarked on observing the distribution of a bundle in the township of Sombra, a newly-settled district, that it "went into every hole and corner of the Upper Province." Indeed in 1836 Ryerson could state that "it was the most extensively circulated paper in either of the Canadas, paying nearly one-half more to the post office than any other publication." While its coverage was predominantly of a religious nature, under Ryerson's editorship it did not hesitate to discuss public issues. Here its attitude was middle-of-the-road, and in 1837 hardly a Methodist was to be found among the insurgents. A few years later, Lord Sydenham in a private despatch to the Colonial Secretary gave it a certificate of character as "the only decent paper in both Canadas." Indeed it had no small part in developing the free institutions which we today enjoy.

When Ryerson finally gave over the editorship, although the busy pastor of Adelaide Street, he soon felt impelled to resume his political writing, this time in defence of Lord Metcalf. Refused the columns of the **Guardian,** over the name "Leonidas" he published a remarkable series of letters in the **British Colonist,** which told decisively on the elections of 1844. And during his thirty-two years in the Department of Education he used the press continually on subjects neutral or controversial. As late as 1872, in a series of nine long papers, he sailed into George Brown of the **Globe** with a favourite quotation from Macauley at the masthead: "No misrepresentation must be allowed to go unrefuted." Such faith had he in efficacy of the printed word.

Dr. D. J. Wilson, Montreal, Que., introduced the week of Spiritual Advance at the opening meeting of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church, Burlington, Vermont, on October 17th. He also closed the meeting on Sunday at Mt. Pelier.

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Radio and Religion

Mr. Peter McGarvey of Station CFOR, Orillia, Ontario, in a recent address to the Muskoka Council of Churches, brought out some items about religious broadcasting in the area. For their annual report, radio stations are assigned one week in which they are to report the character of their broadcasting activities. For the week of November 15 to 22, 1952, Station CFOR, Orillia, gave this in part: Of a total of 117 hours, fourteen and a half were religious broadcasting. In the same week, the amount given to news was twelve hours, to sport three hours, to public affairs two hours and forty-five minutes, and to agriculture two hours and twenty-five minutes. No one subject had so much time as religion. G. L.

Renovations Made

Trinity Church, Smooth Rock Falls, Ont. Rev. Florence Hunter, minister, has changed its appearance and effectiveness considerably since 1950 when Rev. Samuel East inspired the congregation to undertake the work of alteration and renovation. Under his guidance plans were made to change the Church structure erected in 1920 by volunteer labour. A basement was put in, a narthex and Church tower added; chimes can play from the tower to remind the community of services; an oil heating unit was installed, and new facilities provided for adult and youth organizations. Mr. East was called to higher service before the work was completed but the congregation carried on. This year the interior was renovated and the re-furnishing of the Church proper has begun.

Trinity Church, Smooth Rock Falls, after renovation.

The Community Church at Saubl Beach, Ontario.

Kamloops (B.C.) Church, Rev. A. L. Anderson, minister, has opened a week-day kindergarten. Thirty five-year-olds meet under the leadership of Miss Gladys Masur, a graduate of Naramata Training School. Mrs. E. MacLean is Assistant Director. The play school whose object is to provide pre-school children with some experience in living and working together with a Christian background, will operate four mornings a week.

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A camp-site has been presented to Kamloops Church. A 45-acre tract of lakeshore at Magna Bay on the north side of Shuswap Lake has been acquired through the generosity of a lay member of the Session. A series of work parties by the men of the Church is contemplated in order to equip the site for next summer's activities. L. C. C.

Rev. Roy P. Stafford, minister of Sangster Memorial Church, Sherbrooke, Que., is to retire in June, next. He will go to Ottawa to become the assistant to Rev. Charles Donald, D.D., minister of Southminster Church.

Dauphin Presbytery. Miss Betty Bone, Associate Secretary of Christian Education in the Manitoba Conference spent two weeks in the Presbytery stressing Christian Education before young people as in the meeting in Minitonas; before leaders of girls' groups, as at Swan River, where thirty-two C.G.I.T. leaders were present; before Sunday School workers at Kenville, when the film "For Every Child" was shown; during week-end visits to Durbon, Benito and Swan River. Miss Bone spoke on Y.P. work in Roblin, met thirty-five Sunday School workers at Grandview and with girls' workers in Gilbert Plains. Dr. C. H. Best accompanied her to Dauphin, Winnipegosis, Pine River and Ethelbert, and at the two last named places Miss Hodgins, the W.M.S. worker at Pine River, was present.

Summer Church

Sauble Beach Community Churc was opened with a special cer mony and dedicated to serve t summer community of this Geo gian Bay area.

Sunday services began mar years ago in the open air. Whe numbers grew, the meeting plac was moved to the present Churc site. Benches were erected and portable organ used. Later a open hall was erected, later close in and added to until it was quit commodious. Last fall the co gregation decided to build an authority was given to procee with the erection of a Church. O October 15, 1952, the cornerston was laid by Dr. A. L. Danard, an the building was ready for Sunda services during the summer c 1953. Sunday School classes wer carried on for the boys and gir in the former hall, which wa moved to the Church site an which will continue to be used fo community activities.

"La Favilla"

"La Favilla," an Italian-Englis publication, one of several foreig language periodicals issued b The United Church of Canada, i appearing again after a temporar suspension of several months fo lowing the death, last Decembe of its founder and editor for 2 years, Rev. D. R. Gualtieri.

The sixteen-page monthly wil be published co-operatively by th Italian United Church minister in the active work. The Rev. M. D Stasi, minister of St. Paul's Italia Church, Toronto, Ont., has bee appointed as the new editor.

"La Favilla," meaning "Th Spark," derives its name from line in Dante's Divine Comedy "From a little spark may burst mighty flame." It is in reality Canadian Protestant voice amon our friends of Italian origin.

Sydney Presbyterial W. M. S meeting in Trinity Church, Whit ney Pier, N.S., heard Mrs. G. T Head, of Florence, who ha attended the International Con gregational Council, and Mrs Crooks who gave a most interest ing preview of Study Books. Mis Donalda Jardine, Glace Bay, gav the afternoon address on "Enlist ment in the Work of the Church," with particular emphasis on teach ing youth.

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Nehru: The Lotos Eater From Kashmir

By D. F. Karaka. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $2.00.

Mr. Karaka, the editor of the independent anti-Communist weekly *The Current*, published in Bombay, and sometime President of the Oxford Union (the first Indian to be given that high honour) does not like Mr. Nehru. He portrays him as essentially an aristocrat who lives alone with his thoughts and is incapable of the common touch, an orator who moves the mob by repetitious emotional outbursts devoid of true realism, an addict to grandiose and impracticable schemes (the lotos-eater) which he is quite unable to implement, a man who has failed to fulfil most of his pledges regarding land reform and socialization but is bitterly resentful of any criticism of his plans, a professed socialist who like some others of that ilk is in danger of turning fascist and converting India into a police state or even of allowing India to drift, intentionally or unintentionally, into communism, and so enamoured of neutrality that he is losing every affinity "except perhaps for the top rail of the fence." Even his support of the U.N. mediation in Kashmir was only "a belated attempt to sprinkle the holy water of the *ashrams* of non-violence on what could be nothing more than necessitous rape."

One wonders just what may be behind all this criticism. But it is perhaps just as well that those Canadians who are in danger of genuflecting whenever the names of Gandhi or Nehru are mentioned may now read in terse English what one eminent Indian thinks about Nehru no matter what his motives are. Of course, both India and Nehru have much to learn, and it is much easier to enunciate noble programmes when in the opposition than to bear the responsibility for the guidance of near four hundred million people. C. E. S.

Gone With The Windsors

By Iles Brody. (Toronto: The John C. Winston Co. Ltd.) $3.95

I put down *Gone With the Windsors* with a low subdued, "Whooo!" It is a brilliant piece of what a generation ago would have been called debunking. The author says it might never have been written had not the Duke of Windsor written his memoirs, thereby inviting criticism. He waited a long time for some writer to reply to the Duke. Since no one had done so he undertook the task. The writer gives a carefully documented account of the life of the former Edward VIII, King of England, with the larger part of it devoted to an analysis of the abdication. The writer declares that the attempt of the Duke of Windsor to lay the blame for his abdication on the Prime Minister of the day and the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a failure. There is only one person to blame and that is the Duke himself. The writer is emphatic that in his selfishness the former King let the British Empire down. Much of the book is taken up with a description of the empty life which the Duke now lives. He sees the former King completely dominated by "Wallis," who at an endless round of parties makes her ambition to retain her reputation as the best dressed woman in the world a consuming passion. Probably for years to come historians will debate the abdication. Two books that will have to be read by all such historians are *A King's Story* and *Gone With the Windsors*. To read one without the other would leave the reader with a lopsided impression. A. J. W.

Man Born To Live

The Life of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross; with prefaces by H. R. H. The Princess Royal and Paul Ruegger. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $4.50.

The Red Cross was founded less than ninety years ago, and the man responsible for its foundation is too little known. Henry Dunant, born in 1828 in Geneva, Switzerland, was at first an earnest supporter of the Union Chrétienne de Jeunes Gens (Y.M.C.A.). Having by chance been a spectator at the bloody battle of Solferino in 1859 where there were over 40,000 casualties on the field and another 40,000 deaths from wounds in the following two months, he was aghast at the sufferings of the wounded for whom little or nothing was done and who were often left to die in agony. He wrote a pamphlet entitled "Un Souvenir" describing his experiences and emotions. Placed in the hands of influential political leaders in Europe, including monarchs, this resulted in the calling of the first international congress at Geneva which issued in the Red Cross and sought to give "the wounded a neutral status." The need to serve prisoners of war, however, failed to secure any international recognition, despite the pleas of Dunant, until The Hague Conferences of 1899 and 1907. Though Dunant was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901, he refused, almost to the end of his life, to lend his name to any organization that sought to abolish war.

His career was unhappily marred by some business enterprises in Algeria which resulted in the bankruptcy of the company he was promoting and serious financial losses for many of the citizens of Geneva who had trusted him. Because of the rather drastic laws governing bankruptcy in that Calvinist city, Dunant was forced to spend the last half of his life in exile, often in the most pitiable poverty. Though a real humanitarian at heart, he was basically an aristocrat and a promoter, always dreaming up some scheme more or less Utopian. The painstaking biography by Miss Hart makes excellent reading and throws a flood of light on the development of the social conscience of Europe in the last half of the 19th century. C. E. S.

Twelve Citizens of the World

By Leonard S. Kenworthy. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $3.85.

Everybody loves to read about people. Here are twelve character sketches of people — ten men and two women — of as many backgrounds and interests, professions and achievements, but each one was (or is, for many of them are living still) interested in building a better world. One is a Swiss, one an Indian, one a Scot, one an Italian, one a Japanese, one a Finn, one a Norwegian, one an Argentinian, one an Alsatian, one a Chinese, two are Americans. Each has done something that has helped and benefited humanity.

The chapters are written with interest and sympathy. The author has secured much of his material from, and often checked his material with, friends and co-workers of his subjects. These short character studies are absorbingly written. A teen-age boy will enjoy them. His father will find them fascinating. W. G. J.

I Believe in People

By Archer Wallace. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $2.00.

Those who know Archer Wallace's work will need no other incentive to read or reread this, one of his best books. There is sound philosophy and good religion in it, and these find expression not in abstractions or generalizations, but through living character. The book is full of people, real people; reading it is like being present at a reception where one meets the choice souls of many centuries and many lands. Preachers and other speakers will find a wealth of illustration here. Young people will find their circle of acquaintance widened and their understanding enriched by perusing it.

It would be a mistake to think the title betokens the sort of rosy optimism that turns a blind eye to the unpleasant features of experience. Indeed, the strength of the book is that it squarely faces the tragedy and the squalor in the world and shows how they have been surmounted and woven into the pattern of life by men and women of faith. F. H.

This Was My World

By Robert St. John. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $4.50.

History is biography writ large; biography is history expressed in personal terms. In a number of well-chosen biographies one can glimpse a cross-section view of the history of the period. These thoughts are prompted by reading *This Was My World*, the autobiography of Robert St. John, newspaper reporter extraordinary in Chicago and New York, war correspondent and radio broadcaster from the Old World to the New, and author of two important books on Yugoslavia, during and after the war. It is true that the author's experiences as a newspaper man led him to take a somewhat more cynical view of the world scene than that of the ordinary observer. The book is nevertheless worth reading as a picture of American life, somewhat on its seamy side. A serious defect is the fact that it quits in the middle. Robert St. John was in his middle thirties at the outbreak of the second world war. But there the story ends. There is not a word about the following years of brilliant service and solid achievement so vividly described on the Jacket. J. H. A.

How Do I Love Thee

By Helen E. Waite. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

The author of this new volume about Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning has ample opportunity to write intelligently for teen-age girls

because, during her college days at Columbia University she studied both juvenile writing and library science. She is at present librarian of the Junior department in her native New Jersey town and has written four other books.

Indeed, *How Do I Love Thee* will be read by adults with as much pleasure as it is sure to bring to the younger generation: for the courtship and married years of the "Immortal Lovers" in this latest work have been treated with sympathetic understanding as well as bright and humorous modishness.

The writer has given a detailed account of the period when the invalid Ba was made healthy and strong through the impact of the intense love of Robert Browning for her. At this time she wrote her forty-four love sonnets, which subsequently were printed as "Translations from the Portuguese," one of which begins:

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light."

A. A. D.

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The Four Jameses

By William Arthur Deacon. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

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The four verse-makers chosen by the Literary Editor of *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, are James Gay, self-styled poet laureate of Canada; James McIntyre, who, in two famous poems has commemorated the switch-over from wheat-raising to cheese-making in the Ingersoll neighbourhood; James D. Gillis, who is better remembered for his delightful sketch of the Cape Breton giant McAskill than for his verses; and James MacRae, the Man from Glengarry, whose real name was John James MacDonald. A. A. D.

. . . and Places

Father Dear Father

By Ludwig Bemelmans. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $2.75.

Ludwig Bemelmans has given his readers another gay and delightful description of his travels. This time he visits Europe accompanied by his thirteen-year-old daughter, Barbara. The latter's personality is revealed in the opening pages of the book when she insists on taking along, a toy-sized French poodle, complete with a veritable Hollywood star's set of equipment. There is no time for arranging the dog's passage, but its miniature size, Barbara's ingenuity, and the kindness of the steward enable them to get it aboard. "Little Bit," as this third member of the party is called, provides some amusing situations during the crossing, but once in Europe, occupies a very minor role. Barbara continues to play a somewhat more important one. She is precocious, independent, self sufficient, and extremely loyal to her native country and its traditions of democracy. She has little interest in the type of character her father puts into his books, and criticizes him for his interest in the people at the top or bottom of society, instead of the ordinary people in between. She seeks out and cultivates "plain" people, liking them for themselves and adopting a first name footing. Her encounters with her new friends give her father cause for alarm sometimes, though he derives much entertainment from them. Barbara's questions and comments give her father the opportunity to reveal to the reader much about his experiences and beliefs.

Despite Barbara's championship of the ordinary people, it is the odd and unusual that one finds most interesting in travel, or travel books, and it is Bemelman's skill in taking the reader with him to Versailles, Switzerland, Rome, Capri, showing him the scenery, introducing him to interesting people, and spicing the trip with touches of humour, that makes his works so popular. His clever illustrations add to the reader's enjoyment. D. G. A.

The Struggle For Pakistan

By Michael Brecher. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $5.00

The Canadian Institute of International Affairs has sponsored this summary of the many intricacies in the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. Michael Brecher, now a lecturer in International Relations at McGill, was for one year on the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israeli and later spent another year in India, studying the situation there on the spot. In his book, he has provided the careful student of international affairs with extremely valuable information concerning not only the importance of Kashmir to both India and Pakistan but also the sequence of cumulative events which have created the present impasse. The passions aroused on both sides would seem to make any rational and comprehensive solution of the difficulty impossible at the present time, and perhaps for the next fifty or a hundred years, but for a general understanding of the problems this book is the most adequate statement that has come to our attention. C. E. S.

We Chose Cape Cod

By Scott Corbett. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $4.25.

This book is not easy to classify. It is not a thriller, yet it gives the reader many a thrill. It is not even a novel, but its interest is sustained from start to finish. The author and his family, consisting of his wife and small daughter, decide to join the popular trek of those city folk who forsake the metropolis, in this case New York, for the delights of country life and the more intimate relationships of a small community. Many and dire were the prognostications of their disappointment but the reality was exceedingly satisfying. To quote the jacket, the author found himself "in the midst of the busiest, funniest and most satisfying existence he had ever encountered." Into all those experiences the reader is introduced and invited to share the fun. The author's attitude of sustained hilarity is made void of offence by his evident appreciation of the characteristic features of village life. In what proportions the book is fiction or non-fiction the reviewer is not prepared to state. J. H. A.

Tropic of Doubt

By Susanne McConnaughey. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $4.00

Mrs. McConnaughey, who, with her husband has made four extended visits to the island of Tahiti, has constructed this story from journals written by the first missionaries. The Rev. Thomas Lewis was one of the little group who remained after the first year. There was only one woman in the Mission House with seven men. The rest had returned home on the *Nautilus*.

It was a lonely ascetic life and Lewis was barely thirty. Following the sound of drums, he stumbled into a ring of light one evening where obscene dances were being performed. He was arrested by the beauty of a native girl, Marua. Shortly after, Lewis decided to marry her, feeling that he would then soon convert her and her family group.

His brother ministers were horrified and refused to perform the ceremony; whereupon he went through the marriage service in English and in Tahitian, standing before the natives. He was excommunicated by his brethren and treated with contempt by his pagan bride. The story ends sadly. It was compiled from circumstantial detail and had to adhere to evidence submitted in the journals.

Fine, sympathetic writing. This book has been placed in the Library of Congress, U.S.A. A. A. D.

Head Hunting in Ecuador

By Karl Eskelund. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $4.00.

Head Hunting in Ecuador is a misnomer. The author never did any head hunting, except to buy heads that hunters had shrunk abnormally for tourists, and only a small part of the book has anything to say about the Head Hunters of Ecuador.

Otherwise, this is a splendidly written book, exciting and full of information, a book of travel by a Dane whose wife is Chinese and who knows how to write English. He had been living a life of easy comfort in Guatemala, but a wanderlust started him off, with his wife, to explore the mountains and the lakes and plains, the cities and the civilizations of South America. They sweated in the mountains and froze on the plains. They ate exotic food and slept in strange places. They saw the ruins of Indian and Spanish civilizations and heard the rumors and rumblings of revolutions. This book will take you on a magic carpet to far-away and exciting places and customs and people while you sit in your own home. It is a comfortable and profitable and cheap way to travel. W. G. J.

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This is both an autobiography and an adventure story. It is both because Otis Barton has spent much of his life in adventurous exploration of parts of the world completely unknown to us more sedentary folk. Those who feel the lure of the unknown will find much to interest them in this book. Barton is very matter-of-fact about it all, being unwilling or unable to dramatize the adventures that fill his pages. (Actually, I could have done with some of that dramatic and poetic touch that added so much to the fascination of Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us*.) Nevertheless, there is in his story so much of invention, of "trouble-shooting," of daring, of persisting in the face of discouragement, that many will find it good reading. And it is particularly timely, now that the recent record-breaking underwater descent by the Piccards has revived popular interest in the unknown deeps of the ocean and in the mysterious forms of life to be found there.

The book is attractively printed, but there might well have been many more illustrations. Indeed, at the price asked, there ought to have been! L. H. C.

Our Virgin Island

By Robb White. (Toronto: Doubleday.) $3.85.

This is a true story of how Robb White and his young bride, Rodie, went to live on one of the Virgin Islands. They set up housekeeping there under the most primitive conditions—and loved it.

At first they occupied a shack at Sea Cow Bay but found life so rugged there that they moved to Marina Cay, a very small island. They bought it for $60 and built their own house. This home had to be hurricane-proof and was on the crest of the island's one hill. Their friends were colourful native helpers, a boatload of pitiable refugees, and once Rodie's mother managed to come to visit them. The sea fed them and sometimes the sea became their enemy.

Once Rodie became very ill and, before she could be brought over the sea to civilization, she almost died, but the young couple remained undaunted and came through every emergency. Robb was a writer and depressive periods were always suddenly lifted by the receipt of a cheque for his stories.

Robb White and Rodie are nice people and it is a pleasure to read about them. We think you will enjoy this book. D. D.

Novels

Lord Vanity

By Samuel Shellabarger. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $4.50.

The first scene of this historical novel is laid in an Italian villa where the court set are having a dance. The chief character of the book is a young lad, Richard Morandi, the illegitimate son of an English diplomat and a Huguenot mother. He was playing extra violin in the orchestra when his eyes sighted on a quiet young woman, Maritza Venier, daughter of a patrician—disowned by his relatives because he married a ballet dancer. The fortunes of these two, Richard and Maritza, run like golden threads through the whole of this long and interesting work. But in tracing their fortunes, the writer throws the flood light of his own personality and research on the court life of the late 1700's.

The development of the theme takes the reader to other parts of the world besides Italy—to France, to England and to Canada. Richard by an unusual set of circumstances becomes an officer in General Wolfe's army. The story of the capture of Quebec by the British and the death of Wolfe is an exciting piece of historic writing. The story is well and dramatically told and holds the readers' interest throughout. Richard, who plays the hero's part in the capture of Quebec gets back to Britain, is suitably rewarded by the State and given a government appointment. What he does as a diplomat and the difficulties he gets into and gets out of make a fitting climax to one of the best historical novels to be published in a long time. It will be enjoyed by old and young alike and one need have no hesitancy in giving it as a present to any age. A. J. W.

Time and Time Again

By James Hilton. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $3.75.

Like the shuttle running back and forth, the scenes and periods of this tale keep our attention on the alert. In each instance, or generation, it is the father and son relationship which is stressed. A good deal of introspection, yearning and regret, in both cases, emphasizes the line—"It is a wise father that knows his own child."

The author has, since his first novel's appearance, gathered his own, immense reading public. There is no need therefore of a late introduction. The facile style, the sure touch of dialogue, the restraint in description, and the interesting journeys in company with this modest, clever diplomat, bespeak for this volume no lessening of Hilton's *entourage*. The Lily Mansfield of the story as contrasted with his wife Jane, is a commentary on English morals and those of some undergraduates, but Lily's father is one of the best-drawn characters. L. V. M.

The Angel Who Pawned Her Harp

By Charles Terrot. (Toronto: Collins.) $2.50.

This perfectly delightful little novel has its setting in London's slummy East End. Len Burrows, working in Mr. Webman's pawnshop, is astounded when the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, appeared silently and suddenly, before the counter with a full-sized harp, on which she desired to raise a loan. She "looked like an angel, talked like a debutante and dressed like a film star." Was she an angel? Her appearance and her behaviour—up to a point—and her skill in harp playing, suggested that she might be. But to skeptical, practical, modern Londoners she presented an insoluble problem. Several principal characters in the book however, discovered that, angel or not, she exercised tremendous influence over them which was in turn reflected in a happier, more wholesome outlook upon life. Space will not permit us to describe the likeable Mr. Webman and his passion for music boxes; or the other East End characters which are so expertly drawn by Charles Terrot, writer of several novels and distinguished for his television plays. This reviewer has no hesitation in giving this unusually splendid novel an excellent rating. It is interesting, entertaining, and wholesome. It will make a very acceptable gift. A. B.

Tidefall

By Thomas H. Raddall. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart Ltd.) $3.75.

Thomas Raddall's sea stories need no recommendation; they are solid and interesting and this has been proved by his other excellent stories: *His Majesty's Yankees*; *Roger Sudden*; *Pride's Fancy* and *The Nymph and the Lamp*. He is also the author of short stories and that excellent book of non-fiction, *Warden of the North*, dealing with the City of Halifax.

Tidefall is the story of a man who had every chance to be successful because of his courage and ability, but who ruined himself and made all about him unhappy because he became grasping and evil. He married a fine woman but she was unable to live with him because of his nature.

The scene of the book is Port Barron on the North Atlantic, a nick in the shore of a lonely cape. Dr. Raddall knows the sea and those who live on and by it and his characters are alive and colourful. D. D.

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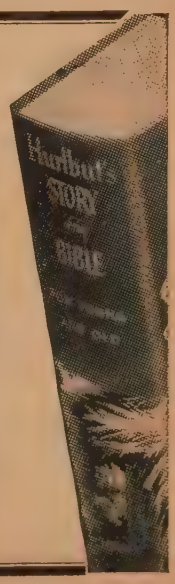

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H. D. R.

"Desired Haven"

By E. M. Richardson. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.50.

This is an excellent, fast-moving novel of the Nova Scotia coastal region during the years 1840-1865. It is superbly written and has won for the author, Mrs. E. M. Richardson, the coveted All-Canada Fiction Award of $1,000. This is the second time the author has achieved literary fame. In 1945 she was the winner of the Governor-General's Award for creative non-fiction with her charming story, *We Keep A Light*.

In *"Desired Haven"* Mrs. Richardson continues to thrill the reader with her amazingly apt descriptions of places and boats, and of the sea in all its variable moods. Above all, she understands the seafaring folk and draws their portraits with vigour and skill. Unforgettable characters, depicted with deft, vivid strokes of picturesque phrases and metaphors, march (and sail!) across the pages.

"Desired Haven" receives its title from Psalm 107: 30. This Psalm was the favourite of Captain Sam Nickerson, and he always read it with his family upon returning safely home after every voyage. The title, however, has a deeper meaning for ship-wrecked Dan Redmond who marries Captain Sam's daughter Mercy, who becomes for him a "desired haven" after all his weak-willed escapades. Theirs is a mixed marriage, and the problems pertaining to such a union contribute in no small measure to the unfolding plot of the novel.

M. A. B.

Torbeg

By Grace Campbell. (Toronto: Collins.) $4.00.

Torbeg is the name of the estate in the Scottish Highlands granted to Finlay Ban Grant at his coming of age. To his fine new home he brings as his bride, the lovely Caroline. The early chapters of the book deal with their life together, and picture for the reader the colourful customs and historic traditions of the period. Their happiness is threatened, however, and before long the peace of the glen is to be broken by war. It is that period in history when the Highland chieftains, who have never acknowledged the authority of the Hanoverian English king, are preparing for the return of their exiled "Bonnie Prince Charlie," and rallying the clans to his support. There are some who feel that an uprising would be futile and that peace should be placed above patriotism, but they are in the minority. Charles arrives in Scotland, without the promised help in men and arms from the French, but his loyal followers are prepared to support his cause. And indeed he is a kingly figure who wins all hearts with his charm, grace and courage.

There is a stirring description of the uprising—the gathering of the clans, the glorious victory over General Cope's forces, the march into England, the discouraging retreat, and finally the terrible defeat in the encounter with the forces of Cumberland. Then there is the cruel aftermath of an unsuccessful uprising. Finlay Ban is taken prisoner with many others and languishes for months in a prison ship before being sent to Barbados to spend the rest of his life in virtual slavery. Meanwhile, the womenfolk have not escaped suffering. Their homes are burned and pillaged, and famine follows in the wake of destruction. Caroline manages to escape with her young daughter and finds refuge with kinsfolk. For a long time she does not know whether her husband is alive or dead. Finally a rumour reaches her that he has been sent to the new world, and she determines to seek him there. With small Alsoon, she sets out for Albany where her brother-in-law, Torquil, has been living for some years. At first it seems a hopeless search in such a vast country but by a miraculous turn of fate, Finlay Ban and Caroline are reunited and they decide to make their home in the new world.

Torbeg is an interesting and entertaining story and should be very popular.

D. G. A.

Called Back

By Philip Gibbs. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.25.

One has only to read through the first few pages of this book to trace the master-hand. Sir Philip Gibbs knew both Great Wars from the intimate inside, and starkly, convincingly he can write about them now. Not only does he deal with the horrors of the actual conflict, but the still more devastating aftermath. In this book *Called Back* he deals with some of the reactions and emotions which be-devilled many a really decent man who w trying to find his niche in socie once more.

Sir Philip Gibbs has present to us a powerful story written the masterly style that is peculiar his own. *Called Back* is in eve sense a mature book; it should studied, not merely read, for whi it exists for our entertainment a interest, it is for our informati and instruction too.

E. L. H.

The Heart of the Family

By Elizabeth Goudge. (Toront Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd $3.00.

Everyone remembers Elizabe Goudge's prize novel *Green Dolph Street*.

Since its appearance the auth has written and published thr other books about a family, t Eliots. The last of these nove was about an old inn, The Herb Grace, and a stately manor hou of England. It is a story lon remembered, with Lucilla, t centre of the family, beautiful a kind, building about her a gro of people as interesting as herse

In this new book we see Lucil now very old, the strength of h grand-children. Her son, Davi has been in the air force and h bombed the city of Hamburg. No he has as his secretary a ma broken in health, who has a de resentment against him. Sebasti was once a famous pianist.

In the end understanding com between the two men just befo Sebastien's death.

Perhaps the best bit in the sto is the final conversation betwe the two men. Sebastien says: "A so for the sickness of the world referring to his own mental illne "If we seek our own healing, it also for the healing of the wor . . . I endured in ignorance . . . is a bitter journey when knowled comes too late."

D. D.

A Stone Upon His Should

By Helen Butler. (Toronto: T Ryerson Press.) $4.00.

In this exhaustive study of Indi life and customs among the A pahos in the Wyoming Territo late in the nineteenth century, the is a finely-depicted romance. Sh idan Mills, a full-blooded Indi boy adopted by a philanthrop retired officer, and named for t famous American, is the leadi character. The idea of becoming missionary to his people "h grown like his healthy body fr the time he entered the white wo of books, tutors, and the Churc

The conflicts he waged in his o breast against his loathing of h own Indian mother, his desire revenge on his father's murder and the passionate love for Nan returned in full measure, but wh he could not bring himself to a in marriage. All these make t young Indian's character an o standing one. The outcome of t romance is inconclusive, but t problem poses a hard question.

L. V. M.

Land of Strangers

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ucinda Marries the Doctor

By Elizabeth Seifert. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.) $3.25.

Tales told in the first person tend o be particularly arresting—if they re worth reading at all—for they xude a confidential aura, and the eader quite often gets the impres- ion that the narrator is confiding o him (or her) secrets not in- ended for general publication. hat is something of the impression ne gets when reading Elizabeth eifert's *Lucinda Marries the octor*, though, in the estimation f this reviewer, the title might e improved! Even chatty details f the hero's boyhood flit before us n a charming, intimate, fascinating anorama, and if, as one reads urther, one is disgusted by the orthlessness of seemingly success- ul social climbers with their gaudy sham front," still one is attracted y the personality of the matured ero — now the doctor — well- eaning, harassed, and pathetically xploited. Indeed one experiences feeling of compassion for him, ot unmixed with irritation that e could be so easily gulled!

Doctor Simon was a loveable oul, too loveable. It might have een better if he had shaken that cheming Lucinda till her teeth attled like castanets in her pretty ead! Then he might have gotten omewhere else instead of into the ankruptcy court! The tale is well old, however, and if it does leave ne with a sense of angry frustra- ion, well, that is just what the tory is about! E. L. H.

The Monkey Puzzle

By Betty de Sherbinin. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.) $2.50.

Monkey-Puzzle is a tale that lives up to its name. It is typified by a tree, harsh, uncomfortable, difficult to climb, and for those reasons, presenting its challenge. It is a tale of life in South America, amid conditions very different to those of our Northern Hemisphere. The school where girls of many races congregate to be taught English, and other subjects, is Paula Robinson's pride, and that same school situated, as it is, in a vortex of hot-blooded, half-educated peasantry is also her problem. Added to this she must cope with a chronically sick husband, a temperamental School Board, and the re-entry into her own life, of an ill-but-forgotten girlhood romance. How Paula managed, and how she emerged at last triumphant, is the interesting subject-matter of this tale. E. L. H.

The Sands of Karakorum

By James Ramsey Ullman. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $4.00.

John and Eleanor Bickle are missionaries. Frank Knight, a newspaper man, watches the refugee trains in the hope of seeing his friends, the Bickles, safely out of Communist China. They do not arrive. He goes in search of them. The search takes him through China to the borders of Tibet and through harrowing experiences. But there is more to the story than a search for two people and rugged adventure. There is the search for something else, perhaps that for which every man searches. Just what that is and whether Eleanor and John ever find it the reader will have to decide. The book is written in a style that is clear and almost poetic. It will interest old and young. For the reader who digs below the surface *The Sands of Karakorum* will provide a rich quarry. A. J. W.

A Passage in the Night

By Sholem Asch. (Toronto: Thomas Allen Ltd.) $4.00

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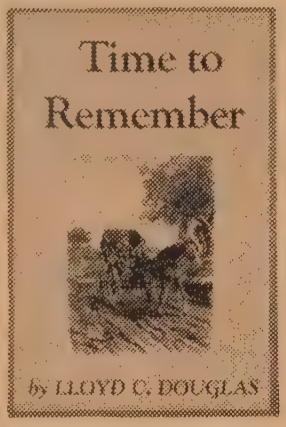

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By Emily Carr. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $3.50. Foreword by Ira Dilworth, Literary Executor of Emily Carr.

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Edited by H. A. Chambers. (Toronto: The Copp Clark Co., Ltd.) $2.95.

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Hymns for Children and Grownups

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This is a nicely bound book of 185 hymns for the enjoyment of children and grownups as they sing together, and there is much to commend such a work. Obviously it is a book for the home, where family groups may use it. The editors have selected several well known hymns used by all denominations, and the choice of words is excellent. I am not so sure about the music. Some well known tunes have been supplanted by new ones; in fact the editors have written 31 of these themselves, not all of which are by any means suited to children. It is doubtful if little folk can enjoy singing modal music —or in modern language, music in a minor key with no leading note. The presence of such harmonic blemishes as consecutive fifths does not improve the music, especially in a standard tune written years ago for the children's hymn "Father we thank Thee". The music type is clear and easy to read, but the presence of a treble clef where a bass clef ought to be at the last line of 81 should be corrected in the next edition. F. J. H.

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So Little for the Mind: An Indictment of Canadia Education

By Hilda Neatby. (Toronto Clarke, Irwin & Co., Ltd.) $3.0

Here is a brilliant and slashin indictment of the whole tendenc towards so-called "progressive edu cation" which, rooted in th philosophy of John Dewey, ha permeated much of the education practice not only in the Unite States and Canada but also througl out the world—the emphasis o socialization and democracy instea of on philosophy and religion; o pupil-interest rather than on inte lectual discipline and painful ma tery of facts; on activities rathe than on contemplation; on th school less as a means of providin a specialized type of instructio than as a kind of all-inclusiv church with its infallible hierarch who know better than anybody els (including the parents) just wha the little brats need.

Though many of the teachers ar of dubious competence in mor ways than one, they aspire so t integrate the entire personality the pupils committed to thei charge that it sometimes seem that the role of the parents strictly limited to biological repr duction and economic suppor including the payment of taxe "The parent is supposed to resem ble the negligent reptile wh deposits her eggs in the sun an leaves nature to do the rest" (pag 218). As one parent put it: "now days the school seems to be doin the job of the homes, and the hom has to do the job the school wa supposed to do. They spend thei time teaching my son to wash hi face; when he comes home I hav to teach him to read and write. Another referred to "the chroni assumption that the child ha neither home nor parents, bu comes straight from the incubator (page 202).

Of course, the inadequacy of th educational philosophy of Joh Dewey is clearly evident in th present barrage against it lai down by critics of education in th United States. The issue of th *New York Times Book Review* fo November 8, 1953, mentions thre such books by Arthur E. Besto Robert M. Hutchins and Pat Woodring respectively. In certai respects, the attacks may be unfai to John Dewey, for his revolutio

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Dr. Hilda Neatby is a professor of history at the University of Saskatchewan, and was the only member of the Massey Commission on Arts and Letters in Canada. In her book she deals with trends in education only in the English-speaking part of Canada; one would be glad to know how she would react to the more "traditional" system used in French-speaking Canada. Nevertheless, she does pack a wallop, and has given us a book which every Canadian parent and every Canadian teacher, morons excepted, should read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. Then, things may happen.

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W. W. B.

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By Jeremy Ingalls. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $4.50.

The author is resident poet and professor at Rockford College in Illinois, a Guggenheim Fellow, and Fellow of the Ford Foundation in Asiatic Studies. She sub-heads her work "A Book for Modern Sceptics."

Since the label Christian is claimed by such a great variety of even opposing views, Miss Ingalls believes it is necessary to distinguish between Christians in general and Christians of the Galilean spirit and Way. She has a wide knowledge of the history and religions of the world. She traces the change in human thinking from the narrow clan view to the open world view. She concludes with her own confession of faith under the titles, The Sacraments in Education and Politics; Mystery, Prayer and Creed. This is a scholarly book on the Way for thinking people.

H. H.

Christian Realism and Political Problems

By Reinhold Niebuhr. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders and Co., Ltd.) $3.50.

These essays are characteristically Niebuhrian in their detecting and puncturing of illusions, their disgust with all sentimentality, their recognition of the selfish actualities of politics, their aversion to all utopianism, Christian as well as Marxian, their practical advocacy of proximate rather than distant goals, their opposition to religious liberalism, their attempt on the other hand to go beyond theo-centric but academic existentialism. All of the essays are pertinent to our modern critical situation and some of them are particularly interesting, for example, those on why communism is so evil, on the Christian witness in the social and national order, truly prophetic, on Augustine's political realism from which Niebuhr's own brand stems, and the final one on the superrationality but relevance of the Christian faith. The realism appears more hard-boiled perhaps than immediately Christian.

C. C. O.

The Game of Living

By Floyd Van Keuren. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders.) $3.00.

The author is a retired minister of the Episcopal Church. He was a director of a family work agency, and of social service the last fourteen years in New York. An executive of the *Wall Street Journal* praises this book, as does also Dr. Norman V. Peale. It contains a lot of advice, some pretty good, about playing the Game of Life to win. More space is devoted to how to win than to what the game is all about. "Ascending evolution" is a common phrase.

This reviewer liked the title much better than the book, because he holds a different basic philosophy.

H. H.

The Ten Commandments

By Emmet Fox. (Toronto: The Musson Book Co., Ltd.) $2.00.

Here, I'd say, is an unusual book on the Ten Commandments. In the Foreword Herman Wolhern says that the Ten Commandments "set the stage for the rest of the Bible, and, when spiritually understood, form a master key to the Bible and to life." Take that as a "starter" and the book will at once become relevant. In fact the sub-title is, *The Master Key to Life.*

And, I may say, Dr. Fox makes a good case, but I know others could put up a mighty argument against several positions he has taken. What would some do with this: "If we want health . . . happiness . . . divine freedom, then we have to learn the laws of the human soul, and the laws of psychology and meta-physics . . . learn and apply them"? What the author has written on Covetousness, like much else, is stimulating. He, I think, "missed the boat" in his comments on the Sabbath and the Lord's Day (152).

Nevertheless, I would counsel ministers to secure this excellent volume.

R. C.

The Optional God

By Stephen F. Bayne, Jr. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.50.

The writer is a Bishop, but, I hastily add, a Bishop who thinks and makes the reader think. I can imagine certain readers sweating just a bit as they read Chapter I, for here Dr. Bayne makes it clear that he is concerned about the contemporary world, which he defines as "a world organized as if it made no difference whether there were a God or not." And to continue: "Our world is very far from ready to act on the assumption that there is no God. We are at once too cautious, too nostalgic, and too indecisive to

accept the logic of atheism as badly as that. Moreover, we think we have found a way to play both ends against the middle, to hedge the immemorial bet of faith. . . ."

Dr. Bayne boldly faces that situation. Better see how he does it.
R. C.

The Story of Jesus

By Theodore Parker Ferris. (Toronto: The Oxford University Press.) $2.50.

This is not a new Life of Jesus in the usual sense. It is a series of story-sermons, presenting in sequence the highlights of the life and passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The stories are brightly told and their application shows real insight. To anyone who favours a strictly liberal interpretation of Scripture they can be heartily commended as pleasant reading and a fruitful source of sermonic material. The author occupies the pulpit once graced by Phillips Brooks and is generally conceded to be a worthy successor. Commenting on the crucifixion he says something of interest to Canadians and especially to those of the United Church: "Every year at this time I get out a little book by Richard Roberts, the Canadian preacher, *That Strange Man on the Cross*. Hundreds of books have been written about the Cross but for some reason there is no other book that reaches me the way this one does."
J. H. A.

An Adventure in Discipleship

By Roger Lloyd. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) 80 cents.

This is a little paper-back book, and must not be judged by its brevity or low price. Those who read it will agree that it is an adventure in understanding, but it is more, it is a challenge to emulation. And, as I read it, I found myself not a little shamed by the personal devotion of the author and others.

An Adventure . . . is the story of the formation of what is called "The Servants of Christ the King." It has an Anglican colour, but none the less spiritually helpful for all that. The S.C.K. is a "cell" in any congregation of lay people "who have learnt to love our Lord, to serve Him, and to tell others about Him." The rest you may guess, but you cannot guess all!
R. C.

When a Man Prays

By Arthur A. Rouner. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) $2.50.

I liked this book very much. I found it most helpful and intend to re-read it. "Without a parable spake He not unto them." Well, this book makes a telling parable out of what the sciences are revealing to us today, and helps us with the "how" of prayer. The process of broadcasting and receiving in modern radio is presented as an illuminating analogy of the Divine-human transaction of prayer. The author believes with Charles Steinmetz that "The greatest discovery in the next fifty years will be in the realm of prayer." Chapter titles such as The Cornerstone of Prayer, The Nature of Prayer, and The Chief Functions of Personal Prayer, are full of meat. The author, a Congregationalist pastor of the Cadman Memorial Church, Brooklyn, is also a radio preacher.
H. H.

The Church and Mental Health

Edited by Paul B. Maves. (Toronto: S. J. Reginald Saunders and Co., Ltd.) $4.75.

This is one of the most adequate books on pastoral psychology in recent years. Its adequacy lies in the fact that it is the product of deep study, long experience, and joint discussion on the part of the fourteen psychiatrists, professors, and pastors who collaborated in writing it.

The large and rather beautiful volume begins with an investigation of the meaning of mental health mainly from the standpoints of medical science and of Christian faith. It goes on to furnish an historical survey of the religious healing of soul and body throughout the centuries and to describe the recent contributions of science in general and of psychology in particular. The book is then mostly devoted to the resources of the Church for health in fellowship, worship, preaching, religious education, counselling, cooperation with psychiatrists, college training.

The book is much more religious and likely to be helpful to the average minister than the usual one on the subject.
C. C. O.

"Making Men Whole"

By J. B. Phillips. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $1.69.

This little book is a very fresh and vital approach to the urgent concern of all Christians as to how human beings and human society may be made what it ought to be. The purpose of the book seems to be the interpretation of the life and teaching of Christ in the light of the disorder, frustration and chaos of so much personal and group life today. It lights a candle in the murky half-opaque areas of human life.

Mr. Phillips is no stranger to Canadian readers. His *Letters to Young Churches*, a modern translation of the New Testament Epistles, and his more recent *The Gospels Translated into Modern English* are becoming deservedly familiar to students of the Bible. He is, as he styles himself, a parish priest. During the war he was vicar of a great Church in London's much-blitzed area. He has taught at Cambridge and worked as a journalist during periods of recovery from illnesses. Three years ago this reviewer began reading *Letters to Young Churches*, and now seldom lets a day pass without a glance at that wonderfully inspiring rendering of the Epistles. His style is direct and gracious, devoid of cant phrases and sensitive to the tides of the spirit. He feels that what the Christian and through him the Christian Church needs is an "invasion" of God's Spirit. It is a passionate affirmation of the relevance of the Christian faith to the whole needs of man, spiritual, mental and physical. Maybe it is trite to say that no minister or Christian worker can afford to miss this little book, but that is how we think of it.
D. M. P.

A Reporter in Search of God

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reporters shied away. Convinced that religion was coming to the fore again because of the infinite confusion of our age and the despair of the heart of man, he decided to go out on a tour of exploration to find out exactly what people actually felt about God. So he travelled everywhere in the United States, interviewing people from various strata of life—scientists, psychiatrists, maimed veterans, housewives, soldiers bound for the front, nature lovers, clergymen of various communions. The results of these inquiries he has made available in this book written in most readable journalese. It includes a fascinating tape recording of his interview with Mr. Woolsey Teller, general secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, Inc. While not much in the book is really new, it is an inspiring commentary on the earnestness with which more people than we may think still cling to their faith in God, even in this befuddled world, really believe in Him and pray to Him, although they may seldom be very clear concerning His nature or just how He operates. The book will be read with equal interest by the laity and the clergy. C. E. S.

Marcus and Narcissa Whitman—Pioneers of Oregon

By James Daughery. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $3.00.

This is a moving and appealing story of these two missionaries, who left the Eastern States for the then unknown Oregon, their adventures on the prairie trails, their encounters with the Indian peoples on the way and in Oregon itself. A most courageous couple these two and the journey itself, in 1831 was a most hazardous one. The woman, Narcissa Whitman, was the first woman to enter Oregon. The work of the two and other missionaries among the Indians was a work requiring faith and sacrifice. These two gave it that and died in the faith of Christ amid the horrors of early Indian savagery. The book is written in vigorous narrative and is illuminated with drawings by the author. H. D. R.

The Happy Warrior

A memorial volume in honour of the late Group Captain R. M. Frayne has been compiled by a number of his colleagues and friends in Ottawa. It is just now being published under the title **The Happy Warrior** and will be available from certain trade outlets in Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa, where he was best known, and from The United Church Publishing House in Toronto. Price $1.25.

Dr. R. M. Frayne was a greatly respected minister of the Church and a distinguished servant of the nation in his capacity as Chief Protestant Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He visited our forces in Korea, and almost his last public appearance was to give the address at the Coronation ceremonies in Ottawa.

The book contains a biographical sketch, an appreciation of his life and work, copies of outstanding addresses and prayers used in public services. It is a fitting memorial to a worthy life. C.H.D

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Books for Children

Freddy and The Space Ship

By Walter R. Brooks. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $3.25.

In these exciting days, all boys are interested in aircraft which defy space and journey to the stars. This is the story of Mrs. Peppercorn; Jinx the cat; Benjamin Bean; Charles the Rooster, and Freddy the pig, who take off for Mars in Benjamin Bean's space ship.

Of course there has to be a villain in all stories so in this one it is Mr. Bismuth.

Mrs. Peppercorn, like all women, wanted to see how the controls worked and fiddled with them. That was how the crew found themselves far off the course they had mapped for themselves and in a strange land they knew nothing about.

A splendid book for boys and girls under fourteen. A little too juvenile for teen-agers. D. D.

The Bow in the Cloud

By Margherita Fanchiotti. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.00.

This is one of the most fascinating of children's novels, and is woven around the story of Noah's ark and the flood. There are contrasted pairs of characters, including a twin brother and sister, Tubal and Sheba, who live with a rich relative, then Eve and her small brother Enos, who are poor and humble helpers in the house of an old ship-builder, ridiculed by the townsfolk because he is building a ship, for he believes that some day the city will be destroyed by a deluge, because of its wickedness. The storm eventually comes and day after day the waters rise, and the ark tosses about for several weeks before coming to rest on Mount Ararat. The author has a rare sense of humour, combined with a knowledge of zoology, as she describes amusing scenes aboard the ark, freighted with its pairs of animals as well as humans. This book is nicely illustrated, and would make an ideal present for a girl or boy between the ages of nine and twelve. F. J. H.

Edgar Allan Crow

By Tasha Tudor. (Oxford University Press.) $2.00.

Edgar Allan Crow hatched out in a large stick nest and was an only son and his mother was sure he was hatched to do unusual things—He was. He was kidnapped by a very large boy and in his new home he tried all kinds of jobs and got into a great deal of trouble. The adventures of this clever crow are not only described in large clear type and short sentences, but each page carries a water-colour illustration done by the author, Tasha Tudor. Children about five years old would like this book.

The Silver Curlew

By Eleanor Farjeon. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.25.

The author is one of the best known and most successful writers of children's tales, and has arranged the play of the same title as a full length story. It is a capital book for any growing girl or boy under twelve, and I should not be surprised if teen agers and adults dip into it to re-enter the world of imagination. The story is based on an old Norfolk legend of a black imp that saved the life of the Queen of Norfolk. The wonderful folk who appear in this cleverly spun tale include Poll, a twelve-year-old girl as inquisitive as can be, King Noll of Norfolk with his double nature, Queen Doll who likes apple dumplings, Mother Codling who makes them, and her four strong sons who have tremendous appetites. Then there are the strange creatures of the Witching Wood, including Old Rackny and the Little Black Imp, as well as Charlee Loon, who plays tunes for the puffins to dance to on the beach; and of course, that mysterious bird, the Silver Curlew, that wafted Poll away in a cloud of moonshine. F. J. H.

Mystery of the Hidden Book

By Helen Fuller Orton. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $2.50.

A mystery story was always exciting to Stan and Vicky. But it was more exciting to be in full charge of solving a mystery which involved a mischievous pup, lights in an empty house, footsteps, whispers, secret panels, a hidden book, and an unwelcome visitor. There are no ghosts, murders or gory tales, but the whole story is simply a happy, thrilling, exciting adventure that any ten or twelve-year-old ought to thoroughly enjoy.

Tree Wagon

By Evelyn Sibley Lampman. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $3.00.

This is a thrilling, true story of pioneer days, when two families travelled from April until November in ox-drawn covered wagons. Nothing is said about adult worries but the story is all about the fun, excitement and adventures of the children. It is a fascinating story that ought to be enjoyed by both boys and girls from ten to twelve years of age.

Nature Notebook

Written and illustrated by Robert Candy. (Toronto: Thomas Allen Ltd.) $3.00.

This scientific book will delight any boy who likes hiking, fishing, or collecting such things as salamanders, frogs, turtles or snakes. Adults who are eager to attract birds to their gardens will find many helpful hints in this book; while others whose scientific bend is in studying trees and wild animal life will find much to interest them. This book is for any age where there is an interest in nature.

The First Book of Plants

By Alice Dickinson. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $2.25.

This entertaining, easy-to-read science book tells the whats, whys and hows of plants that grow in this exciting world around us. The many illustrations are not only attractive but certainly make the text very clear and understandable. It contains information about ordinary plants such as ferns, sunflowers and peanuts, but in addition includes information on algae, fungi, mosses and bacteria. Interest and not age is the determining factor for the enjoyment of this book.

Sea Shells

By Ruth H. Dudley. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $2.50.

A book on sea-shells! This little science book contains a wealth of information about the habits of shell-fish, how to collect, classify, and set them up. The delightful illustrations and interesting text make it a valuable book for the young naturalist who is interested in shell-life or shell collecting.

On a Summer Day

By Lois Lenski. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $1.50.

A delightful, wee book for children who are at the nursery rhyme stage. There are eye-catching illustrations, and even a song that the child can hum not only "on a summer day" but all year through. M. L. S.

The Horse Family

By Dorothy Childs Hogner. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.75.

This book on horses was written for children, but it is so descriptive of all forms of equine life that many an adult will learn much of horses and their ancestry by reading it. The evolution of the horse from pre-historic days and the breeding which has produced the various types of horses as we know them today, is explained in simple language, although, necessarily, some of the words used are technical. Excellent sketches of all breeds of horses and their relatives appear on almost every page. M. L. S.

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Ning's Pony

By Hester Hawkes. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $2.50.

This is the story of a small Chinese boy and his pony—a pony that is perfect except for one fault. How Ning discovers this fault and what he does about it makes a satisfying and humorous tale. The illustrations of Chinese scenes and people are first lessons in geography for the pre-school child. M. L. S.

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Tommy and Dee-Dee

By Yen Liang. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $1.75.

With many illustrations and few words this little book will help children to understand that, after all, people are pretty much the same the world over. One little boy lives in China, one lives in the United States, but the things they do and the games they play are very similar. A first lesson in race relations. Up to four years of age. M. L. S.

A Den For Tony

By Nancy Woollcott Smith. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $2.75.

If you are looking for a book for a "Cub" or for a boy who is about to join the "Cubs," or for one who has moved away from friends and familiar things, for an only child who conceals his loneliness, or for one who dreams about mysterious messages, then look no further. Here is the book! It ought to satisfy the inner urge of any boy of "Cub" age. H. M. W.

Suzy and the Dog School

By Esther MacLellan and Catherine Schroll. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $2.25.

A highly amusing little story about dogs in general and a cocker spaniel named Suzy in particular. Suzy does not shine at her studies in the dog school she attends, but read and find out how she acts in an emergency! Here is a book where the illustrations really tell the tale, and in a way that will "tickle the fancy" of the younger (and the older) generation. M. L. S.

Annabelle and Bryony

By Marjorie Phillips. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.00.

Any child under twelve, or for that matter, anyone else who wants to recall childhood scenes, would enjoy this book, for it takes the reader directly into fairyland after a few pages which introduce two girls and two boys who are cousins. These children are engaged in decorating a Christmas tree, and one of them, Nick, notices a snowball on the mantel. He takes it down for inspection, when suddenly it starts to grow, and as he is forced to drop it on the floor, it splits into two parts, and out comes a fairy, and the reader is away in fairyland, after a flower has been found so that a proper entry may be made. In that wonderful land the children go past the Frosters to the Enchanters, whose splendid captain Bryony acts as a guide to the children in their strange surroundings. Annabelle is the least timid of all and becomes enthralled at the customs of faery traditions. Of course the children all return, and their visit has taken no time at all, because they wake up from a short nap in Annabelle's home. F. J. H.

Mama Hattie's Girl

By Lois Lenski. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

Human relations, racial prejudice—phrases so commonly used in the last few years— have become the theme underlying Lois Lenski's recent book, *Mama Hattie's Girl*. A little Negro girl, so happy among her coloured friends of the South, finds when she moves "up North" that the colour of her skin makes a difference. Her loneliness, her heartaches, and also her resentment will appeal to girls ten-twelve. While not so exciting as some of Lenski's stories, it is truly delightful. H. M. W.

Just Mary

By Mary E. Grannan. (Toronto: Thomas Allen Limited.) $1.25.

This new collection of stories from the radio programme of the same name by Mary E. Grannan is written for children from 8-10 years of age. As one would expect, they are excellent stories for adults to use in telling stories to children. They lend themselves to tonal inflection and voice changes which adds charm and entertainment to the interesting and delightful little stories. M. G. W.

Boxes

By Jean Merrill, and illustrated by Ronni Solbert. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.00.

Few people give much thought to boxes, but they certainly are curious about what might be inside them. The Zorn Brothers were different. They liked boxes and didn't care a bit about what was inside them. Six to eight-year-olds will enjoy the Zorn Brothers and have fun learning how very important boxes really are.

A Pony Worth His Salt

By Elisabeth Hubbard Lansing. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $2.50.

A delightful story about a pony, Twinkle, and his mistress and master, the twins, Ted and Sue, who are convinced that Twinkle would be "worth his salt" if only he had a sled to pull around. Such

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trigue to keep Twinkle when they ear he is to be sent away, and ich surprises are in store for the vins! A good gift book for the 7-12 ear old. M. L. S.

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By Munro Leaf. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $2.75.

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tar of Wild Horse Canyon

By Clyde Robert Bulla. (Toronto: Ambassador Books Ltd.) $2.50.

This is just the kind of a story ten-year-old boy would enjoy; full f excitement and adventure. Danny arns a horse of his own—a wild orse—that he trains himself. Then ne night a sudden storm changed Danny's good fortune. The horse scaped. It is not surprising that "Star" got loose. The surprise is ow he returned!

ittle Rhody

By Neta Lohnes Frazier. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

After reading *Little Rhody* I put t into the hands of my ten-year-old granddaughter. Her report is as ollows: "I liked this book very nuch. I liked the parts where Rhody used her head—where the oys were going to take the mince ies, and when Ann went away to ollege and the calf escaped. I liked he cute little puppy, and the way Rhody went to the party; also the vay she handled the horses and ows for her father." There was nuch else she liked, and I think nany other little girls will agree vith her. J. H. A.

Dorothy Jane's Other Book: Songs and Stories from Kindergarten of the Air

By Dorothy Jane Goulding. (Toronto: J. M. Dent and Sons [Canada] Ltd.) $2.50.

Canadian children 2-6 need no ntroduction to the Kindergarten f the Air, the popular radio programme carried over the Trans-Canada network of the C.B.C. Here, in permanent form, attractively bound, is a selection of the nost popular stories and songs (with music) from that programme. The illustrations by Lloyd Scott give an added interest. Mrs. Goulding's short explanations to each story and song should help children to understand them.

Clever Mr. Twink

By Freda Hunt. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $1.50.

The animals in this story talk and act like human beings in their desperate effort to track down a band of terrorizing ruffians. However, in using different dialects, these animals make many grammatical errors. The theme is most childlike but the language and style would not appeal to most children. For these reasons, it is not a book that one would feel must be given first place on a Christmas book list for children. M. G. W.

Little League Champs

By William Heuman. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.00.

Many boys ten-twelve years of age are intensely interested in Midget League Baseball and here's a story, excitable, enthusiastic, loyal. The games are explained in such detail that it becomes monotonous to the average reader but is certainly very instructive to the sports fan. No real plot runs through the story, just a summer's experience of a group of Midget Leaguers who work together to gain the district championship. H. M. W.

The Boy Jesus

By Pelagie Doane. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $3.50.

A beautifully illustrated story of the life of Jesus from the time of His birth in a stable to the year when He was twelve and visited the Temple in Jerusalem. The wording is simple and the young child will find a similarity to his own family life in the description of family life at the time of Jesus. The illustrations are in soft, muted colours and the facial expressions are particularly appealing.

Territory Boy

By Margaret Phelps. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

The colourful yet rigorous life of the pioneer continues to thrill the boys and girls of the present generation. This story treats it from a different angle—the experiences of a young boy upon his arrival at the scattered settlement of Phoenix, Arizona. The primitive life, the strangeness of the country, the ceaseless toil, places great responsibility upon the boy. How he meets it, and grows with it makes a wholesome, interesting, and sometimes an exciting story. H. M. W.

For Youth

ounty Fair

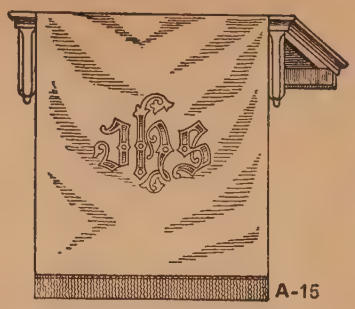
By Anne Emery. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

This is a book that 'teen-aged irls will appreciate. In this wellvritten story the heroine, Jane Ellison, with her love of rural life nd especially animals, proceeds to ncourage other young friends to chieve higher goals through 4H Club activities. During the year hey participate in specific projects, ewing, horticulture, baking, and aring for animals, in preparation or the big event of the year, the ounty Fair, with its keen competition for prizes. Jane's musical ability is also demonstrated as she organizes an orchestra. In the book, boys and girls mingle freely and happily together. Inevitable 'teen-age problems crop up, but they are handled dextrously by the author who is a former teacher, and an understanding mother of five children. Recommended for all girls in the 12-16 age range. A. B.

Pirate of the North

By Harold McCracken. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

If one is fond of hunting and trapping, of the vast, dangerous wilderness of Alaska, then he will thoroughly enjoy *Pirate of the*



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North. Sometimes the descriptions are somewhat tiresome. However, the story element is subordinate, used only as a springboard from which the author describes, most ably and accurately, the haunts and habits of the wild creatures of the North. Teen age boys will enjoy it.
H. M. W.

The Black Stallion Revolts

By Walter Farley. (Toronto: Random House of Canada, Ltd.) $2.50.

Positively the most exciting and fastest moving of all the stories written by Farley! A trip by airplane, a crash landing, a man and a horse lost in the mountains of Nebraska! Alec Ramsay, hunted by police and haunted by the fear of having killed a man, is a victim of amnesia. Dramatically his memory returns during a horse race in which he rides the famous black stallion, and thus many mysteries are solved. H. M. W.

"The Wind and the Caribou"

By Erik Munsterhjelm. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $3.50.

Here is a book for boys and girls as well as adults. It is a factual story of hunting, trapping and canoeing in the Far North. The author and the friend he met in Edmonton are both young Scandinavians who had been looking for jobs in Alberta after having sweated in California and elsewhere in southern climes. The book not only reveals the great Northland but the characters of the gallant and courageous young men who rebuke the charge of "softness" often applied to the present generation. Their successful fight against the cold, the loneliness, and the extremely rugged country in the Porcupine River and Fort Chipewyan areas of northern Alberta and the District of Mackenzie, is a modern Viking saga. This book should be required reading for high school and university students who wish to gain a knowledge of that vast northland which is coming to have so great a significance in this prese t day.
D. M. P.

Commonwealth and Empire Annual

Produced by Percy R. Gawthorn. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

The Queen's Message to the Empire, which appears on the opening pages of the *Annual*, forms the theme on which this edition is based. We are members not only of our own family but belong to that larger family—the British Commonwealth and Empire. As members of this larger family we should know something of other parts of the Commonwealth than the one in which we live, and this the *Annual* has endeavoured to tell us. There are articles on "Historic Uniforms of the Commonwealth," "How Royal Flags Are Made," and one that I found especially interesting on the Iron Duke — Wellington. Several fiction stories are interspersed throughout. The *Annual* is profusely illustrated in both black and white and coloured pictures. A good reference book for young people.M. L. S.

Boy on Defense

By Scott Young. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $2.75.

To those teen-age boys who love hockey, this book is a real find. The action is as fast as the game itself. In two years the green but determined team of Northwest High wins the provincial championship, and their hero, Bill Spunska, a chance with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Bill is a hero to be admired, and the story one to be enjoyed by all sports fans. H. M. W.

My Sky is Blue

By Loula Grace Erdman. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

Miss Erdman has long since achieved success as a writer of young people's books, and most of her stories have been drawn from her own experience as a school teacher. It is not strange then, that the heroine of this tale should be a teacher, Jinny Craig, who goes to New Mexico, and who at the outset is confronted by the persuasive Bert Godwin; but she decides to make her home with old Mrs. Minger, whom she met in the train. Her assortment of pupils in a one-room school provide enough problems to keep any teacher at her wit's end. Jinny finds herself facing many exciting situations, prowlers and strange noises at night, and Mrs. Minger's sudden fainting spells. A new and attractive young man, Dick Conover, appears on the scene, and helps Jinny to discover the cause of the disturbances, which is Godwin's scheme to take over the land that rightfully belongs to Mrs. Minger. Dick becomes the hero of the story and of Jinny, and romance is the keynote as the tale comes to an end. A good book for teen-agers. F. J. H.

Boy's Book of the Navy

By Lieut. Comdr. P. K. Kemp, R.N. (Retd.) (Toronto: Ambassador Books Limited.) $1.95.

Most boys are thrilled by the thought of a life at sea, and stories of ships capture their imagination to a greater degree than any adventure tale. This book by a Lieut. Commander of the Royal Navy, now Archivist and Librarian to the Admiralty, is a detailed story of every type of vessel afloat — the submarine, the modern battleship, destroyers and frigates and the "little ships," such as motor gunboats and motor launches which played so active a part in World War II. There is even a chapter on Naval Aviation, which demonstrates the link between these two Services particularly in times of war. Right from the first chapter on the building of a ship to the last chapter, where the author speculates on the future of the Navy, you will find this a fascinating, informative story of "life on the ocean wave."
M. L. S.

Tessie's Caravan

By Priscilla M. Warner. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $2.75.

Every girl longs for a private place of her own, away from the family, where she can read, sew, do her homework, or just sit and dream! Not every girl, however, has a chance to use a caravan for that very purpose, and the story of how Tessie, a budding young artist, does acquire such a caravan, and the fun and heartaches, too, that accompany its acquisition, is entertaining reading for young girls. To her family the caravan seems to bring trouble in its wake, but good things come with it as well and influence Tessie's life to a degree that she did not expect when she bought the shabby old van at an auction. Good reading for girls 12-14.
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The Coffee Train

By Margarethe Erdahl Shank. (Toronto: Doubleday Publishers.) $3.85.

It was little Margrit's grandmother who called the eastbound express the coffee train. It whistled at the cemetery crossing at exactly four o'clock. Margrit lived with her grandparents and Aunt Gudrun, who gave her many anxious moments when any of the numerous suitors came to call. She did not want to lose the sprightly aunt who filled the place of mother to the small orphan.

Although her grandmother was an austere Lutheran who insisted on flawless catechism memory work each day, the young girl worshipped her and confided misdoings as eagerly as school triumphs to dear Bestemor.

It was a Norwegian community in North Dakota where everything stopped for coffee in the afternoon and neighbours paid friendly calls. Margrit's sisters and brother lived nearby with other aunts and uncles, so there were happy get-together festivities which are described charmingly by Mrs. Shank, who is a graduate of the University of Arizona, and taught English for eight years in San Diego before her marriage. A delightful story.

A. A. D.

Ships of Our Navy

By C. B. Colby. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $1.25 each.

C. B. Colby of the U.S. Navy Institute has written a series of simple, short, and attractive books on the various branches of the U.S. military service. Under the picture on each page is a short descriptive paragraph. All pictures are U.S. Naval photographs. Though excellent reference material, the dramatic accounts would make thrilling reading for any teen-ager.

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H. M. W.

Outlaws of the Sourland

By Keith Robertson. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $3.00.

John Mitchelson's hopes and plans for attending college were swept away overnight. An early dawn attack on his sheep by a pack of wild dogs resulted in serious injury to his father; and the loss of twenty-two lambs meant there would be no money to pay college expenses. With admirable courage, the eighteen-year-old lad set himself to the task of looking after the farm, and building up a new flock, but he swore vengeance on the wild dogs and determined to wipe them out.

As is often the case, disappointment can prove to be a blessing. John makes friends with a retired professor of agriculture, who stirs the young man's interest in wild life conservation, and teaches him how to set camera traps and to study the wild life of the region. Throughout the winter, John comes to know the wooded mountain country at first hand, and with his widening knowledge, came a deeper appreciation of the beauty of the region and its never-ending source of interest. He even gained a grudging admiration for the sagacity and cunning of the big red wolf, the leader of the marauding pack.

John's courage, patience and tenacity are rewarded finally after a series of very exciting events, culminating in the destruction of the pack. He has gained much in maturity and comes to the realization of what he really wants to be.

Keith Robertson writes in clear and vigorous prose. His descriptions of nature and creatures of the wild have led some people to compare his work with Charles G. D. Roberts' *Kindred of the Wild.* Most readers will agree, however, that *Outlaws of the Sourlands* can stand on its own merits as a fine story; one which would be a good choice for teen-agers, although many adults would enjoy it also.

D. G. A.

Love, Laurie

By Betty Cavanna. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $3.00.

Betty Cavanna, a popular author of books for teen-age girls, weaves an interesting story about Laurie, a high school junior, who has a most exciting summer while her father is on business in California. She very ably supervises the building of their new suburban home, and unexpectedly makes friends with two very fine boys, Tony and Mike. This makes for interesting and wholesome romance, just the book that young girls would thoroughly enjoy.

H. M. W.

River Circus

By West Lathrop. (Toronto: Random House.) $3.50.

Teen-agers will certainly enjoy this book. Rush, himself a teen-ager, found life on the Circus Boat all that he expected. It wasn't all fun. Many interesting times were shrouded with fear. Rush was assistant animal trainer, but the real excitement came after the boat was cut loose from the tow-boat and Rush was alone with the animals on a deserted island. Children could not help but enjoy these experiences with Rush. Just give them this book and watch!

M. G. W.

The Magic Lake

By Robert Oberreich. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

This is a story for boys who dream of pirates, Indians, haunted houses, desert islands, boats, wrecks and rescues. All these things most boys dream about become the actual experiences of four very real boys summering on Magic Lake. Adventures, dangers, fun, thrills, graveyard chills, and good times with a dog for a companion, all packed into one good story should certainly satisfy any boy.

M. G. W.

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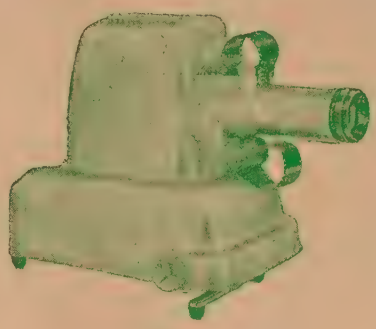

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A. B.

Golden Slippers

By Lee Wyndham. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

This book for young people is all about the ballet. The story is exciting and different. It tells all about the details of movie making: the tests, the make-up, the tension, the long hours, the endless repetitions that must appear fresh, the cameras and great lights, and the TV appearances.

The author is noted for her stories for young people. They are not merely stories but guidance books for teen-agers who wish to enter a profession. In a fresh, wholesome way they tell of the pit-falls encountered as well as the advantages. Any girl will enjoy this story. D. D.

Mr. Revere and I

By Robert Lawson. (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, Ltd.) $3.25.

This is a truly delightful story, and though written primarily for young people, it will appeal to anyone who enjoys a well told story with an historical background. The excellent black and white drawings which illustrate the tale, greatly enhance the book by their accuracy and subtle humour.

The book is really the autobiography of a horse named Sherry, who in the course of an exciting career, had become the property of the patriot, Paul Revere and helps him to make the contribution he did to the cause of the American Revolution. Unlike many historical tales which deal with this subject, there is no attempt to present one side as in the right and the other in the wrong. Instead, through the eyes of this very observant and intelligent equine character, the reader obtains intimate glimpses of the main characters in the struggle and a sound historical background, for the events which occur.

Originally this little mare was known as "Scheherazade, pride of His Royal Majesty's 14th Regiment of Foot," and no haughtier, more autocratic champion of royalty and privilege could have been found. How she came to belong to the opposing side, and was converted to a belief in their cause, is told in a most entertaining manner.
D. G. A.

In the Big Time

By Katherine L. Bakeless. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

This book tells how a few American artists and entertainers climbed the long ladder from obscurity to Big Time. It is a book for young people desirous of making a success in one of the many fields of entertainment, but it is very interesting to grown-ups too.

We are given the life stories of Katharine Cornell, actress; James Stewart, movie actor; Maria Tallchief, ballerina; Fred Astaire, dancer; several circus clowns; John Mulholland, the magician; Marian Anderson, concert singer; Bing Crosby, singer; Hildegarde, chanteuse; Burl Ives, folk-song singer; Patrice Munsel, opera singer; Eugene List, pianist; and Yehudi Menuhin, violinist.

Some of these artists reached their goal by sheer good luck, but, in most cases, the road was hard and difficult backed up by the striver's abilities, talents or individual style. The author shows how personality and showmanship can cover defects in ability, talent and even knowledge. A lot of the success of a career is "getting a break" at the right time. D. D.

Bennett High

By Marguerite Dickson. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.25.

Angelica Foster, brought up in a close-knit happy family atmosphere and attending a high school in the better part of town, is quite unhappy when circumstances force her to attend Bennett High. Here she feels she will have to associate with "common people" and it is in this rebellious spirit that she faces her first classes at the new school It is with difficulty that she overcomes her feelings, but in spite of her resentment is drawn into the many activities of this democratic school. Her contact with her new schoolmates brings her to the realization that it is the person who counts, not from where they come. The author shows understanding of the teen-agers' problems and speaks their language. A good novel for the younger teen-age girl. M. L. S.

Bring On the Band

By Lloid and Juanita Jones. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press) $3.00.

Very few authors have used high school bands as a background for their stories, but Lloid and Juanita Jones have done it successfully. Jeff, a newcomer to Garrison High, has a very difficult time entering a wedge into the close friendships among the members. Finally, through his ability, plus much tact and understanding, he succeeds. Exciting football games, dances, pretty girls and interesting boys will appeal to the young teen-ager, boy or girl H. M. W.

Hue and Cry

By Elizabeth Yates. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

Here is a novel by an author who has become successful in this form of writing, having several other books of the same type to her credit. I think it should be most interesting to girls in the early teens. There is pathos and excitement inter-mingled, and some pages tug at the heart strings. Melody, a fifteen-year-old daughter of a happy New England family is deaf and dumb, but has an uncanny sense of rhythm and can feel through the earth the pulsations of the hoof-beats of horses that are stolen from nearby stables. Horse stealing was of common occurrence just over a century ago, and the thieves made their living from such practices. Through Melody's alert-

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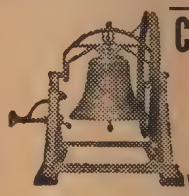
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ebel on the Trail

By Lyn Cook. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $2.75.

The setting of this story for ung people is in the early days Toronto at the time of the ebellion of 1837. The Cartwright mily live in the bush only 20 iles from the town, but the primi- ve life they lead and the struggle ey have to maintain existence in ose pioneer days makes an teresting and exciting narrative hrough one of the members of the mily they become involved in the ebellion, led by that fire-brand illiam Lyon Mackenzie, and the tcome of that conflict told in a ory form, is a good introduction this (particular) period of anadian History.

inners Losers

By Earl S. Coleman. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.00.

The secret ambition of every high hool girl is to be popular. Some ave the know-how and some aven't. The shy girl will make up r it, sometimes, by calling atten- on to her abilities. This, how- ver, was the wrong approach for onie. Winners were losers, she iscovered. How she became the inner makes interesting reading. think the character of Nonie a t overdrawn. Nevertheless the lventures are exciting and teen- ge girls will enjoy it.

H. M. W.

imon

By Rosemary Sutcliffe. (Toronto: Oxford University Press.) $2.00.

Not every boy enjoys reading istory, but those who do will find osemary Sutcliffe's historical novel ost illuminating as it depicts the al campaign of the Civil War in ngland. Simon Carey, a farmer's n, and his pal Amias Hanniford, e son of a doctor form a whole- me companionship when they are ys, but later in life there becomes clash of personal loyalties and e breaking up of a fine friendship ecause Simon enlists with the arliamentary forces while Amias fighting for the Royalist cause. ildren who know anything about e west of England will be en- ralled by the story of this cam- ign of the War at Torrington, d they will admire the way in hich the story is told. Girls who e growing up will enjoy it, too. is book has been selected by el Streatfield as the Collins' ung Elizabethan book of the onth. F. J. H.

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By Rosamond Du Jardin. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.00.

Teen-age girls invariably enjoy llege stories, so they will surely ve and understand Pam and nny. These twins have the usual rills, disappointments, petty jeal- sies and arguments over dates d boy-friends. Pam, the ever- pular twin, has her own specific problem to solve—which boy-friend does she really love. Well she surely has Penny worried. She has us worried, too, but all turns out well in the end, just as a teen-ager would have it. M. G. W.

"Breastplate and Buckskin"

By George E. Tait. Illustrations by Vernon Mould. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $2.50.

This fine book by the Associate Professor of Education in The University of Toronto is a very clear and well planned series of studies of exploration in the Americas. It is made up of six chapters each subdivided into sections dealing with the quest for the cities of gold in Mexico and Peru, the search for the Northwest Passage and for fur and the settlements on the East and West Coasts of the continent. There are thirty-five sub-sections and a fine series of drawings by Mr. Mould the art Master at Upper Canada College. The Time-Chart and "Things-to-Do" reveal the pedagogical aspect of the volume which will attract old and young. The book is a purely factual account of historical happenings told in a most interesting style. It is not at all concerned with the problems of rising nationalism and its conflict with European and American exploitation. The book may be unreservedly commended especially for the use of students of American expansion and students of history in high school generally.

D. M. P.

The Dragon and the Book

By Christie Price. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co., Ltd.) $3.25.

The Dragon and the Book is a very carefully written book. It is a rare and fantastic tale of King Alfred's times in England and of a Psalter, a precious jewelled one, which was, for a time lost. The swine herd's wife reveals its hiding place and Wilfred went out to give it to the King. It was a long and adventurous journey but, in the long run, Wilfred comes to the King, who, warned in time, wins a signal victory.

The book is illustrated by the author, whose work as an artist is very well done and adds to the book's attraction. H. D. R.

Muskoka Holiday

By Joyce Boyle. (Toronto: The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd.) $2.00.

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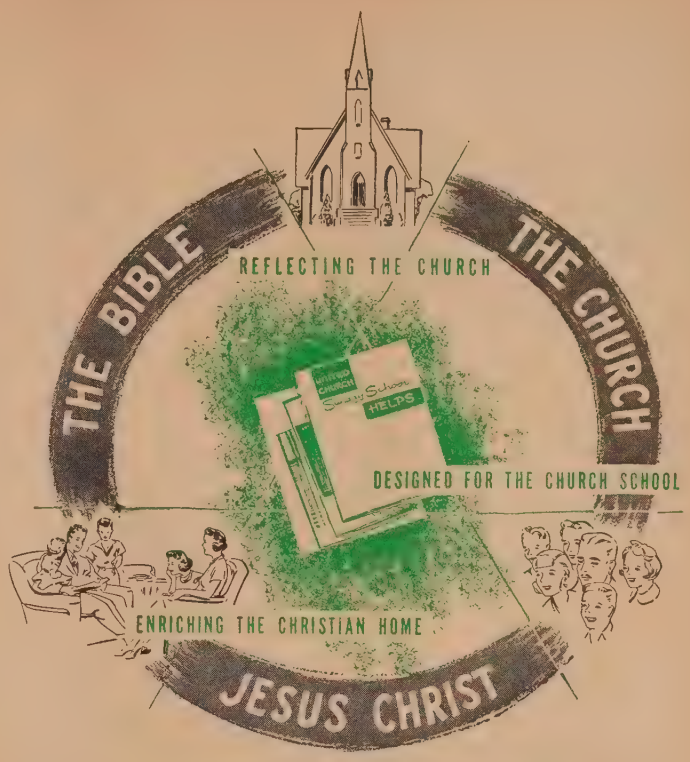
Fullback Fuller

By Ward Cornell. (Toronto: Thos. Allen Limited.) $1.25.

"It takes more than just skill to be a good player. And it takes more than courage. The third important quality . . . is desire." Steve Fuller found, after an absence of a year and a half from Governor



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Beyond the Timberland Trail

By Joseph E. Chipperfield. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

Here is the story of a shepherd dog who ran away to the untamed northland of stillness and darkness, of biting wind and endless cold, of the sickly moon and the Northern Lights, to mate with the wolf.

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Us Incorporated

By William F. Steuber Jr. (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, Ltd.) $3.25.

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White Wings Around the World

By Donald M. Green as told to Jessie L. Beattie. (Toronto: The Ryerson Press.) $4.50.

An authentic account, this, of a round-the-world voyage of a Canadian teen-age lad from Hamilton, Ontario. He sails on the brigantine *Yankee*, and the skipper is Captain Irving Johnson, well-known explorer and lecturer. The book is lavishly illustrated with engrossing photographs, depicting the scenes of the voyage. Anyone of adventurous spirit would enjoy this racy account of a most unusual trip with exciting experiences, shared with a picked crew and a famous captain. L. V. M.

By Special Request

By Noel Streatfeild. (Toronto: Collins.) $4.00.

This is a collection of stories for girls. The author has included a few stories written by herself and has done the introduction, then she has approached nineteen well-known authors and has asked them to contribute to her book. The result is a book quite different from the usual sort, delightfully illustrated by different authors famous for their drawings.

Because some of these writers are authors of grown-up fiction as well as juvenile, we find the style especially good and without doubt interesting to many grown-ups. Some of the stories are merely sketches rather than distinctly plotted situations, but that does not take away from their charm. There are treasures in store for young people who are fortunate enough to read this book. D. D.

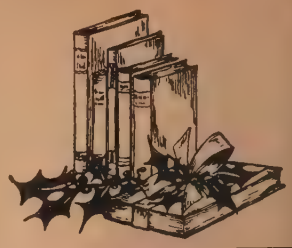
M is for Mother

By Marjorie Riddell. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.00.

Here we have a rollicking little book which would make a good gift for a sick friend. One must take into consideration, however, the nature of the illness. If it is a surgical case there would be danger to the stitches.

The little book is illustrated by delightful drawings done by Peggy Bacon and is made up of an account of letters written by a feather-brained mother to her daughter.

It is all delightful nonsense, but a bit of such foolishness now and then is good for all of us. D. D.



Beyond This Place

By A. J. Cronin. (Toronto: M Clelland & Stewart Ltd.) $3.95.

A. J. Cronin's books are alway welcomed by a great number c people. This new novel dwells o the many wrongs done by sor people who control the legal profe sion. It is entirely different fro his other works; some will not lik it as well, but some will enjoy more than anything he has y done.

In a story with a certain amour of mystery it is unfair to go tc much into the plot and its thread Suffice it to say that here we hav a powerful book and one it is har to put down once we have started i

We must be perfectly fair ar say we do not think such an inju tice could be done any man by s many villains in high authorit but it makes a good story. We a disappointed, too, when we fir Paul's father so crude and s apparently, lacking in fine feelin but we conclude prison life h degraded and coarsened him to great extent. We do not thir courts of law in the Old Count could ever be so unfair or so c rupt as Cronin pictures them, b we accept it all merely as a stor and read it with great interest.

This book is an unforgettable or D. D.

Meeting in the Mountains

By John B. Prescott. (Toront Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.2

This is a tale of peoples w have vanished, before the comi of the Indian tribes we know.

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A Faith For Tough Times

By Harry Emerson Fosdick. (N York: Harper & Bros.) or (T onto: Musson's.) $2.00.

This little 128 page book is t latest from the pen of the form minister of New York's Riversi Church. It comprises three lectu given by Dr. Fosdick at the Paci School of Religion, in Februa 1952. As lectures they would n stand up to academic examinati partly because they are far fr academic, partly because they a simple, clear, highly illustrati and very easy to understand.

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A Sober Faith, Religion and Alcoholics Anonymous, by G. Aiken Taylor, The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd., $2.25.

6 Great Englishmen, by Aubrey de Sélincourt, and *6 Great Englishwomen*, by Yvonne Ffrench, British Book Service (Can.) Ltd., $2.50 each.

The Marmot Drive, a novel by John Hersey, McClelland & Stewart Ltd., $4.00.

Mr. Grumpy and the Kitten, by Fleur Conklin (children), The John C. Winston Co., Ltd., $2.50.

The Star Seekers, by Milton Lesser, Science Fiction Novel, The John C. Winston Co., Ltd., $2.50.

Further Chronicles of Avonlea, by L. M. Montgomery, a novel, The Ryerson Press, $1.98.

The Scarlet Force, by T. Morris Longstreth, The Making of the Mounted Police, The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd., $2.00.

Beyond Anxiety, by James A. Pike, The Christian Answer to Fear, Frustration, Guilt, etc., S. J. Reginald Saunders, $3.25.

Pardon My Parka, by Joan Walker, a novel, McClelland & Stewart, $3.00.

Lexy O'Connor, by Audrey McKim, a novel, McClelland & Stewart, $3.00.

Young Folks' Bible Quiz Book, by Christine McDonald, Nelson, Foster & Scott, $2.50.

Man, Time, and Fossils, by Ruth Moore, the Story of Evolution, McClelland & Stewart Ltd., $6.50.

Only Parent

By Louise Dickinson Rich. (Toronto: Longmans, Green & Co.) $3.50.

Some parents are possessive; some are possessed or dominated by their children. This mother views her young son and daughter, Rufus and Dinah, in a detached way, as individuals. And over an enormous pride, says, casually "I like them."

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That Louise Dickinson Rich has established such a wide circle of readers is an indication that there is still a sufficiently large reading public to call for fresh, chatty, informative writing, and homely, family lore. There are incidents and happenings which brighten the recital of the diurnal round, and these are racily recounted. "Dinah's New York"—one of the chapters—is fun to read. L. V. M.

The Golden Road

By Edna Jaques. (Toronto: Thos. Allen, Ltd.) $1.25.

Here is another book of verse by Edna Jaques which is sure to be welcomed by readers of her earlier volumes, and which will be likely to win for her new friends and admirers. There is a quality about her writings which appeals strongly to the average man or woman — a clean wholesomeness, a keen understanding of human nature, an appreciation of what is best in life, a love of common things, and a homely sense of humour which delights in seeing the glory in the apparently commonplace.

This little book deserves to have a large sale. It will bring happiness and good cheer into many a home. A. A. S.

British and American Tapestries

By Mary Eirwen Jones. (Tower Bridge Publications Ltd., 10 Benfleet Road, Hadleigh, Essex, England.) $3.00.

This book, though possibly of indifferent interest to the average reader, might well prove a great attraction to all lovers of the arts. It is the story of tapestry all down the ages, its significance, its intricacy, its beauty, and the hard work it takes to create. The volume is written in a clear, concise style, obviously for the benefit of the connoisseur, or the creator in silk, metal or woollen thread work. Great attention has been given to the general development and characteristics of tapestry weaving, the materials employed, their probable dates, and the artistic exactitude needed in choosing, applying and comparing the dyes.

British and American Tapestries is a book well stocked with photographs depicting exceptional specimens of the work, which may still adorn the walls of some famous mansion, or are carefully preserved in a museum.

It is written in an easy, instructive manner, and even an indifferent student of the ancient craft should find it interesting. For anyone who takes an active scientific interest in Tapestries either as a finished product, or in the making, this book should prove to be of real value. E. L. H.

PUBLISHING

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persons have been thus honoured. Several are retired, and many have died.

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BOOKS

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the need for **The Recovery of Family Life** and tell how the practice of religion in the home can make family life the rich experience God meant it to be.

One more I must mention. I am just now carefully re-reading **The Truth of the Gospel** by G. B. Caird (now a professor at our theological college in Montreal), and I am more than ever convinced that this is just the book many of our layfolk are looking for. It's a slim volume but in it you'll find the Christian faith whole and undistorted, presented by a scholar, but so simply, so lucidly, and with such teaching skill that reading it brings both spiritual reward and intellectual pleasure. And it's so inexpensive that everyone can afford to buy it.

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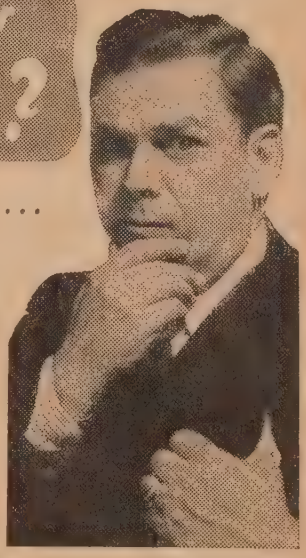

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A Lay Reader.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Aug 15th a minister signing himsel "Ethics" says "It is time for som straight talking on this matter, and gives gratuitous advice t former ministers to stay away an find people to comfort and hel Then he goes on to cite the woe of another weakling in a paris "not far from me." One wonder why he does not take his ow advice and stay away from hi neighbour's parish.

If you do not return to a forme parish it is doubtless because yo have left no one there who want to see you again. But there ar vast numbers of former minister who pay return visits to those wh have loved them, and still do, an these men have no wish to mak it harder for their successors After all it is not the curren minister's Church; it is th people's Church. He need have n fear of the visits of a forme incumbent. A Layman.

In Reply to "Disappointed"

Dear Sir,—It has been said to often that ministers' wives ar poor housekeepers. It is tim something was done, and we, th ministers' wives are the ones t do it!

Twice I have escaped the fat of "Disappointed's" wife becaus the Woman's Association used th interim to houseclean for me. would like to thank all th Woman's Associations who do thi frequently, as if it were a par of their jobs. But housecleanin should be done regularly, and i the Woman's Association is finan cially responsible for mans upkeep, they should be informe when a minister's wife plans t clean, and suggestions for decora tion, repairs, etc., made to then before that time. Some Assoc ations do seem to think it is good idea to leave everythin around a manse until the perio between ministers, or, until a ne occupant comes to express prefe ences, but the majority hav strong Manse Committees, and the manse is reasonably cared fo they are more than co-operative

It seems to me that the probler arises when the minister's wif takes on too much in the Churc There is no need to go into th reasons for this, because the fac is that she ought not to do it. Christian home is the most vita witness which can be made to community, and there will onl be one if Mother is there, seren and confident in the knowledg that she is putting first thing first. I don't for a moment sug gest that there is no need for minister's wife to take part i Church organizations, but merel that she should not put that wor above her home.

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o increase our capacity by choos-ıg our work and learning to do ; well and quickly. The Bible 'arns us in many places about eing busy with many things. If 're neglect our homes, have we hosen the better part?

A Minister's Wife.

Keeping Up the Manse

Dear Sir, — The letter from Disappointed" about the parson-ge he and his wife moved into in uly draws attention to an un-ovely phenomenon not nearly carce enough in the economy of ur Church.

The Parsonage (or Manse) Committee ought to have been nore vigilant and prompt. They new the situation if they were ttending to their business. While hey were on tip-toe with curiosity s to the ways and looks of the ew minister's family they ought o have given a thought to the act that these incoming people vould be forming first impressions lso concerning the congregation. As is the parsonage and its urroundings, so is the pastoral harge; well, most likely, and to considerable extent.

But the principal sinners are he ministerial couple who accum-ilate, live in, and leave behind vhat "Disappointed" found.

Would it do any good to have required course on home-mak-ng? In any case, we should not ıave men standing in our pulpits vho have the notion that it is eneath or beyond them to keep he home in repair, and the garden nd grounds fit to be seen. Hun-lreds of ministers and their wives ind a second vocation in making heir home an expression of grace.

Ernest Plowman.

Church Ritual

Dear Sir,—While not a member of the United Church, I feel that ome comment is called for in eply to "Anon. Anglican's" letter n your issue of May 15, 1953, a opy of which has been brought o my attention.

In all worship and religious bservance there is such a thing s development, as this person and hat strives to express devotion. Some prefer the outwardly plain orm of expression, while others eek to express devotion in ways hat enlist outward beauty and everence. We are not turned out n one mould, else would life be ery commonplace, dull and even oor in expression. Surely the Church is large enough to include he allegedly Low, which may be spiritually High, and the High, which may be equally faithful in proclaiming the Faith.

The writer is old enough to remember when Roman collars vere unthinkable in the Methodist ody; and when a cross on a church building savoured of nothing less than Rome! Today they are common in the United Church, which is none the less united all the same. And many modern United Church churches are mistaken as being Anglican because of the manner in which choir stalls, pulpit and lectern have taken the place of the platform, while the auditorium has been superseded by the nave.

Victoria, B.C. Barham Lydden.

The Songs We Sing

Dear Sir,—As we recall those first sessions at many conventions with pencil and notebook ready in order to "get" and "take back" material which seemed our duty as delegate, how much better had they opened with a sing-song.

Having enjoyed years of active work in large and small Churches —and with considerable musical experience, we hope that a star or two will appear in our Crown, for having taught others to receive, and give, that lift that music offers, especially with the words as a first consideration.

Surely, Mr. Editor, you can recall the thrill we all received from opening services with "The Glory Song"?

It is worth stopping to consider whether a crowd gathered for a religious Convention is better for starting off with "When all my labours and trials are o'er, and I am safe on that beautiful shore," or in a much more Christian, and less selfish, mood with "Let your friends be my friends, and my friends be your friends" as "The More We Get Together" suggests.

Helen Kotzenmeyer.

Rodney, Ont.

Church Doors Locked

Dear Sir,—I have just returned from my vacation, a refreshing first trip to the West Coast. But there was one disquieting note that leaves me perturbed, if not somewhat chagrined. I had entertained the fond hope of at last seeing some of our fine Churches of the West. In almost every case, in Calgary, Vancouver, and Victoria, they were locked tighter than a drum, even on Sunday afternoons. Not with all the art of an experienced burglar could one jimmy his way into most of these temples. It required all the finesse of a good magazine salesman to beguile my way past a suspicious office secretary on one occasion, my only success incidentally. But in each of the three cities mentioned I walked with invited ease into the Anglican Cathedral and refreshed myself away from the fevered streets. "Security against vandals," do I hear someone explain? Surely our Anglican brethren have much more to risk with their expensive drapes and valuable altar ware. It was only a couple of years ago that a friend and I were practically accosted as brigands by the caretaker of a large Hamilton Church. However, we finally did see the interior of this fine structure, albeit under the eye of this crusty custodian. Perhaps, some day, if I can afford such a trip again, I shall see the interior of these Western Churches. Perhaps, some day, The United Church of Canada will have enough faith to open the doors of its temples to the man in the street who might like to enter and tarry for a short while. Perhaps! And without a guard hovering over the visiting shoulder!

J. Bruce Underhill.

Bethune, Sask.

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Rev. J. E. Nix of Lamont United United Church, Lamont, Alberta, writes: "The Lamont charge is already enrolled in the Every Family Plan, and finds that the Plan is meeting with general approval. We like the new **Observer** format, except to note that the smaller size is likely a severe editorial limitation. We hope that increased circulation will enable the paper to increase the number of pages again."

Rev. Otto H. Rollis of Eston Pastoral Charge, Eston, Sask., writes: "The Plan has taken well here. We have not made a complete survey as to the individual responses, but many favourable comments have come our way. I know that it is being read in many families where it was not bought before. Congratulations upon the success that the Plan has received."

Rev. R. M. Thompson of Second Street and Bethel Pastoral Charge, Saskatoon, Sask., writes: "I do wish we could give the necessary boost to this plan, as **The Observer** is such a splendid publication now, and could do so much for any family if it were coming into the home."

Rev. W. A. Cross, St. Andrew's United Church, Outlook, Sask., writes: "You may be interested in knowing that the Every Family Plan has been presented to the Official Board of this Pastoral Charge and that one congregation will, I hope, soon be enrolled the Plan. My biggest problem connection with this Plan is th of convincing my people of t value of a Church paper in t first place, and moreover, t value of a Church paper going every family, active or inacti The whole Plan is, of course, venture of faith. At the very lea surely it is worth a try. If n people can be convinced of th there will be three congregatio enrolled in **The Observer** Plan!

Rev. Raymond R. Smith, Elro Pastoral Charge, Elrose, Sas writes: "You will be interested know that the Elrose and Wa time congregations have adopt the Plan—this will mean abo 200 subscriptions. Thus the who of the Elrose Pastoral Charge now in. The Hughton congreg tion got organized before t holiday season and have be receiving their copies for son time now and seem quite hap with the arrangement."

Rev. Sidney R. Vincent, S Paul's United Church, Tisdal Sask., writes: "Our congregati passed the Every Family Plan the annual congregational me ing last January. I trust that th good idea will soon be in oper tion in all our Churches."

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S.S. Convention at Summerside

"The Bible is an irrepressible Book and has more appeal for boys and girls than anything else we can find," said Prof. James P. Berkeley of Andover Newton Theological Seminary as he addressed the 34th Maritime Sunday School Convention. The Convention met at Summerside, P.E.I., on October 20, 21, and sessions were held in the Baptist Church and Trinity United. The speaker in three lectures held his listeners with his vivid word pictures and stated: "Growth is God at work, and teaching is entering into the service of growth. Paul wrote his letters to help Christians keep growing. We must know where boys and girls are right now in vocabulary and understanding and seek to reach the imagination and reason and relate scripture to life."

Dr. Frank Archibald of St. John's United Church, Moncton, gave three thoughtful and moving devotional addresses on the general theme, "The Protestant Doctrine of Salvation."

The Convention was conducted by Mr. J. J. Brittain, prominent Baptist layman of Digby, N.S., who set a good tone for the Convention in his opening address on "The Task of Teachers." A discussion group on Sunday School Administration was conducted by Dr. L. W. Shaw, Director of Education in Prince Edward Island. Judge Comeau of Saint John, N.B., led a group on "The Sunday School and Delinquency. Rev. I. J. Levy of First Baptist Church, Moncton, led a discussion group on "The Sunday School Reaches Out with the Bible." Mrs. J. Gordon MacDonald, Charlottetown, chairm of the Maritime Children's Wo Board, led a group which di cussed "The Sunday Scho Reaches Out to Little Children."

Workshop Groups we conducted on: Church Vacati School, led by Mrs. Hamilton MacAdam, N.B.; Sunday School Radio, led by Mrs. Found of Elle slie, P.E.I.; and Junior Choir, l by Rev. L. M. Murray, Kensingto Prince Edward Island.

Excellent leadership behind t scenes was given by Mrs. Do Sabean, Rev. Garnet Sherwo and Miss Jean Windsor, membe of the M.R.E.C. staff, and the Co vention Secretary, Rev. M. All Gibson of Chester, N.S.

The presence of the Juni Choir of Trinity Church, Summe side, at the closing service a under the direction of Mr. Ral Emery showed how effective c be the leadership of boys and gir in the service of praise.

The new President is Re Howard Christie of Hunter Rive P.E.I., a well-known worker the field of Christian Education

L. M. M.

Society Campaign

At a service in St. Paul's Cat edral, London, England, whi was attended by H.R.H. Prince Margaret, a campaign was inau urated — "The Bible Spea Today"—in an effort to recall t people of Britain to the Bible a its power in the life of a natio The British and Foreign Bib Society in Canada has alrea made plans for such a moveme in this country.

Manitoba's retiring secretary, Rev. Wilbur Howard, and his successor, Rev. ed Leighfield, arrive at Knox Church, Winnipeg, in time to share with Dr. ugh McLeod, minister; W. E. Trann and A. E. (sleepy) Heselwood, Coaches, e honours won by the Trail Ranger Midget Baseball Team in the Sunday chool Athletic League. Knox defeated Westworth United Trail Rangers in best of three series to be declared the winners. The Knox team is composed f members from all four camps making up the Trail Ranger Organization at nox. Nine boys have completed their Pathfinder degree; seven have their ioneer Degree; while Deno Papageorge has completed his Frontier and Four quare Degree. Deno is the first Knox boy to have received such an honour.

VACATION SCHOOLS, Muskoka

Five hundred and fifty children ere served during the summer f 1953 in Muskoka Vacation chools. There were other schools -about five of them—operated y other religious groups. The umber of the United Church chools was twenty-two. The Musoka United Charge had twelve acation schools. The charge has eventeen preaching places and ev. Douglas Muir and Miss velyn Matthews and Arnold reaser make up the staff of hree. There was not time enough n the summer for the staff to ake all twelve. They needed help nd the Youth Caravan took care f five of the schools. The young eople of the Inter-Varsity Fellowhip Camp took care of two vacaion schools. The staff itself took he other five and that completed he twelve.

Then, on a mission field of four oints, Lorne Creighton held three chools for a total of fifty chilren. A feature of these schools as a work project that earned inety dollars. It was a service hat earned enough to pay the xpenses of the school and make orty-three dollars for Gould ouse of the Waldensian Church.

In the charge of Nobel, Rev. eith Brown with one helper held wo schools of a week each for total of fifty children. And in indermere, with Rev. Douglas raig, minister, the picture was lmost the same—two schools, a eek each and fifty children. In ravenhurst the Church held its eventh successive annual vacaon school with thirty children. Here, the United Church and Baptists joined in a school for a week.

There were two schools outside of the Muskoka United Charge that also ran two weeks. One was in **Severn** under Miss Gertrude Aikenhead. This had some very desirable features of a school: experienced helpers—there were three of them—good stories well told and earnest devotion. There were twenty-four children. There was **Trinity, Huntsville.** Rev. Frank Milligan is minister. Mr. Milligan has given religious teaching in the schools of Huntsville for many years. This was the eleventh year of his Church Vacation School there. The Huntsville school always runs for two weeks and it did so again this year.

G. L.

Rouleau (Sask.) Church. Something new was used at Sunday School Rally Day. The Church service and Sunday School were combined. The armour of God described in the Bible was made. Rev. A. Burley wrote the story concerning the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness, the sword of the spirit, the belt of truth, the shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

These were put on by a young man. The armour was made by Dr. Vernier Roudeau and is part of the work of the World Betterment Foundation of which he is the founder.

Mr. Ells, superintendent of the Sunday School, read the story and several took part.

Manse Dedicated

On Thursday, October 8th, Rev. J. Gardiner, President of Alberta Conference, officially dedicated the new United Church manse at Bonnyville. The ceremony was conducted from the front steps. Those taking part were Rev. Jack Gardiner, Edmonton; Rev. C. W. Mackay, Vermilion; Rev. J. Wing, Bremner; Rev. and Mrs. O. Seward, Bonnyville; and the local Board members: Mr. G. Campbell, Mr. M. Albers, Mr. F. O. McKinley. Tea was served by the W.A.

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Rev. R. Watson Langdon

It was an unexpected call and a quick response when the Rev. R. Watson Langdon passed away in the early morning of June 22nd, 1953. The day before, Mr. Langdon was in his pulpit for both services. On Sunday morning he had preached on the theme "The Cross—God's Remedy For Sin." Little did anyone in the congregation think that he who announced his text, "Having made peace through the blood of His Cross," would within a few hours pass to where beyond these voices there is eternal peace.

Watson Langdon was born on the 8th line of West Zorra, near Embro, Ontario. He attended the community school near his farm home, and later High School in Woodstock. He graduated in Arts from the University of Toronto in 1926 and in Theology from Emmanuel College in 1928, receiving his ordination in London Conference that same year. He served the Pastoral Charges of Lyons, Lawrence Station, and Thamesford in London Conference, and Riverdale and Earlscourt in the city of Toronto.

Watson Langdon was a good friend. His friendship was genuine and loyal and devoid of all ostentatiousness. He was a fine preacher. He loved to preach. His study and his books claimed a good deal of his time. The same careful scholarship which won for him the Sanford Gold Medal in Divinity characterized all his pulpit preparation. He was a faithful pastor. He felt that to minister to his people effectively he must know them. He was an excellent administrator. Every charge he served was in a stronger position at the close of his pastorate than it had been when he became its incumbent. Watson Langdon was a sincere presbyter and served his Presbytery and Conference with the same devotion he gave his parish. He was honoured by his brethren in being elected as Chairman of his Presbytery.

Rev. R. Watson Langdon leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Jean Appleford, and one daughter, Joanne. The funeral service was held on June 24th in Earlscourt United Church in Toronto. The Chairman of West Presbytery, Rev. Charles A. Jay was in charge of the service. The President of the Conference, Rev. E. Crossley Hunter, D.D., and the Past President, Rev. Wesley A. Hunnisett, assisted in the service. The address was given by Rev. Clayton H. Searle.

Rev. R. R. McMath

A devoted and gallant soul passed to his reward on August 15th, 1953, when Rev. R. R. McMath died at his home in Newmarket, Ont. Mr. McMath was born nearly sixty years ago in County Derry, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1920, entering the Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal, from which he graduated in 1922. He was ordained in the same year at Kingston, Ont., and served for a short time at Perth Road, Ont., also at Ulverton, P.Que. The greater part of his ministry, however, was spent in the city of Montreal, first at Cote St. Paul, and later at Mount Royal Ave. United Church. In 1937 he was called to Trinity United Church in Newmarket, but shortly after suffered a severe illness from which he was never able to completely recover. Because of ill health he was compelled to retire from the active ministry. Following retirement, he supplied at Pine Orchard Union Church for a time, but again was unable to carry on.

Being a man of marked business ability, he turned to Insurance and Real Estate, and was until his death a member of the firm of Boyd & McMath in Newmarket.

As a preacher Mr. McMath was strongly evangelical, a faithful and devoted pastor, and during the trying times of the early thirties, his energetic leadership, indefatigable zeal and tireless enthusiasm had much to do with enabling his people to triumph over their difficulties. Though keenly disappointed at having to give up his chosen calling, and suffering greatly from a chronic ailment, he was unfailingly cheerful. He had a genius for friendship, his kindly generous spirit, his ready Irish wit and humour, endeared him to a vast circle of friends, and especially to his brethren in the ministry, all of whom mourn the passing of a gallant comrade.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Anne Buchanan, also a native of Ireland, and two brothers, Andrew and Mathew, both of Toronto.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Church, Newmarket, and conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. J. Aitken. Interment was in Newmarket cemetery.

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Dr. Henry James Keith

Clergyman, writer and active in go causes, Rev. Henry James Keith, D.D., di on Monday at his home, 503 Island Pa Drive, Ottawa, Ont., in his 78th year.

Born at Smith's Falls in 1875, a son the late David Keith and his wife, A Baxter, Dr. Keith was educated at the lo schools and graduated from McGill Univ sity with the B.A. degree. He later obtai his M.A. and studied at Princeton Theol ical College and Montreal Presbyte College, where he was awarded the Jo Calvin Medal and was valedictorian of year.

Dr. Keith became a Y.M.C.A. Secret of Bible Study for students in India. Af several years' service, he returned to Cana and was called to Knox Church, Peterb ough, and later was minister of Westmins Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, and v President of the Alberta Welfare Coun From Edmonton he moved to St. Andre Church, Winnipeg, and during his minis there was for ten years Secretary of Mission Board. The degree of Doctor Divinity was conferred on him by University of Manitoba.

In the early thirties Dr. Keith retur East, spent a session in Graduate Stud in Union Theological Seminary, New Yo and subsequently assisted in a number Churches in Canada.

Coming to Ottawa in 1933, he took active part in the religious, philanthro and public life of the city. For some ti he was Canadian Secretary of the Lea of Nations Society, and was one of the t Canadian members of the World Allia for International Friendship Thro Religion. He was Secretary of the Canad Branch of the Educational Research Soci and served a term as President of Hampton Park Ratepayers' Association.

He was particularly interested in Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and ser as its President, resigning early this y Latterly he devoted much time to writ for religious publications, giving talks religious topics, and working in his gard

He was twice married, first to the for Louise MacDougall, who died some y ago. His second wife, the former Annie Gray, survives, together with one son, Rol M. Keith, of Ottawa; two daughters, M Francis McNaughton, Montreal, and M Kay L. Davis, Australia, and ten gra children.

A founder, he was also an active generous member of Kingsway Un Church, Ottawa. Kindly, thoughtful, g erous, with a world vision, he lived to the full.

The funeral in Kingsway Church conducted by the minister, Rev. F. Harback, with burial at Pinecrest cemet Ottawa. J. R. M

Thomas G. Gould

Among the laity who grace and en the United Church, few in the Tor Conference have been more useful loved than Thomas Gould of Uxbridge Toronto, who finished his earthly jou at Uxbridge on September 9th, 1953.

Son of Rev. I. Gould, he was born the Methodist parsonage, Paisley, Ont in 1867. The family moved to Uxbr seventy years ago, where he entered busi in 1902. He established his own busi in 1913, and continued it until his re ment from active management a few y ago. Raised in the atmosphere of evange home and Church, he early becam fervent Christian and soon found emp ment as Sunday School teacher and preacher in his own and neighbou Churches. He was a trusted and bel leader in his local Church. In Presbyt Annual Conference and General Counc was a highly respected member. He w loyal supporter of good causes wherev went.

In 1908 he organized the Business M Bible Class of Uxbridge. With its orche social contacts, and Mr. Gould's fer messages, it became an outstanding fea of Church life in a wide area. He conti leadership for thirty-five years.

In 1900 he married Alma R. Horn gracious companion in good works, survives him, with one daughter, Mrs. M Johnston, and three sons, Russell H., Bruce, and Dr. Grant A.

The funeral service was conducted September 12th by Dr. J. J. Coulter, fo pastor and long-time intimate friend, his minister, Rev. Harold A. Kennedy.

He leaves a memory of sparkling hun great friendliness, business ability, and sistent Christian living to inspire assoc and friends in a long and busy life. J. J.

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HE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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D. McCRAE

Lesson for December 6
GOVERNMENT UNDER GOD
omans 13: 1-10; Acts 5: 25-29.

Many great issues may be raised the discussion of this topic, and e aim of the teacher should be establish firmly after free dis-ission the fundamental principles hich should determine a Chris-an's attitude in such concerns as e problem of Church and State, atriotism and religious duty, etc.

To take Paul's precepts in omans as literally valid in all tuations might lead us sadly tray, and it is wise to note first e theory of government on hich the apostle bases his views. overnments, to him, are rdained" of God. Their author-y is derived directly from God, ho is Himself ultimately the ler. Consider how that some-ing of the traditional idea of the Divine right of kings" is trace-ble to this view of government. heoretically the king would do e will of God and enforce His ws with justice.

When we consider Paul's junction to obedience to rulers, long with his view of govern-ent, we can say that he teaches at citizens should be subject to e powers that be who are the presentatives of God so long as ey work against evil and for od. When they cease to do this ey are no longer the representa-ves of God.

Along with Paul's teaching erefore and as its complement e must place the ringing affirma-on of Peter in the passage from cts. Here Christian disciples had me into sharp conflict with the thorities by defying the ban on eir teaching in the name of hrist. Their answer was "We ust obey God rather than man."

This expression asserts the violable right of every man der God and the duty in a time conflict of authority to give edience first to the Supreme uler.

Summing it all up, we should y that in the passages before us e have scriptural authority for ressing the responsibilities of tizenship in subjection to those t in authority over us till their emands conflict with the mands of God. There is a place r the "conscientious objector," r freedom of conscience is an alienable right of all. One is our aster even Christ, and none can rve two masters. The happy way life is that in which the ruling wers are themselves directed by e will of God, and obedience them is within the realm of edience to Him.

Lesson for December 13
ONE HUMAN RACE
cts 10: 9-16, 25-28; Acts 24: 34, 35, 44, 45.

Before going into the text of is lesson it will be effective to esent one or two present day illustrations of racial intolerance and bigotry as we find these persistent in modern minds. Then recall the background of Peter who though he had become a Christian was still a "Hebrew of the Hebrews." He had had probably about forty years of being a Jew and it was in his blood. Gradually, however, in his new discipleship Peter was being freed from the enslavement to Jewish prejudices and it is that process with which our lesson deals.

Peter had already gone some distance, for we find him in the house of Simon the tanner, and that just could not have been before he met Christ. That prejudice had been broken down. Other prejudices remained, however. When Peter was very hungry and had a vision in which the chance came to have ample food from the supply of animals presented before him he shunned the opportunity with abhorrence. Some of the animals were "unclean" to the Jew, and those that were not were made so by contact with those that were. In his pious abstinence Peter said "I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." Then came the enlightening and challenging message of the vision, "What God has cleansed, that call thou not common."

It is not surprising that Peter needed the lesson, but when we consider how slowly it is learned to this day it surprises us that he caught on. Our next glimpse of Peter is one in which he is in Cæsarea with Cornelius "a Gentile," and Peter has come thirty miles to talk with him. The climax of the interview is reached when Peter voices the old antagonism of the Jew to one of another nation and then exultantly proclaims the lesson he has learned that God is no respecter of persons and in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him.

Many of us are still not quite persuaded of the sinfulness of racial segregation, and intolerance and superiority. If we would grow in the Christian faith as Peter did we had better escape the shackles of our unchristian prejudices as he did.

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Rev. C. M. Currie, Beamsville, was inducted minister of Bell St. United Church, Ottawa, Ont., at a largely-attended service on Oct. 22nd, with Rev. A. M. J. Gray, D.D., Presbytery chairman, conducting the service. Rev. Gordon Stewart of Bristol preached the sermon, Rev. J. P. C. Fraser, D.D., Glebe United, gave the charge to minister and congregation, and Rev. George D. Campbell, Presbytery secretary, narrated the steps.

Following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Currie were welcomed at a reception in the Church hall, when the W.A. served refreshments.

J. R. M.

Rev. Carmen G. Beckel was inducted into the Athens, Ontario, Charge on October 1st. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Banister, D.D., Chairman Kingston Presbytery, assisted by Rev. R. Smalley and Rev. C. K. Mathewson. Dr. Wilson welcomed the new minister at the social hour following the service.

Rev. Thomas Bray was inducted into the Landis (Sask.) Charge on Oct. 9th. Rev. Earle Milson, Rev. Stewart Anderson, Rev. K. M. Wood took part in the service.

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Things even smell different at Christmas. Kitchens smell of spicy cakes, cookies, candies, puddings, and roasting turkeys. You can smell the piney smell of Christmas trees and wreaths.

Things sound different, too. There is music everywhere — in Church, in the home, in some stores, and even on street corners. There is laughter everywhere. Everybody seems happy. Even if they get tired they don't often get cross at Christmas. Then there are whispered secrets, the silent falling of snow, and Christmas bells.

Somehow things look different at Christmas, too. Bright lights shine in the store windows and on our Christmas trees. Houses are decorated inside and out. Often the sky looks especially starry and it is fun to see if you can find one that looks bigger and brighter than all the others and think about the star that shone over Bethlehem that first Christmas night.

All these are a part of Christmas. Grown-ups call it the "spirit of Christmas." It is the time of year when people feel happy and want to be loving and kind and thoughtful toward others. It is the birthday of Jesus.

We know that, but we don't often think about it. We talk about it in Sunday School, but leave Jesus locked up in Church when we return to our homes. Yet if Jesus had not been born we would have no Christmas.

It gives us great joy to give and to receive presents, but this joy soon goes. That is why we feel we would like Christmas to stay on and on and on.

But if we truly believed that we celebrated Christmas because of our love for Jesus, then we would constantly remember Jesus. He would always be in our minds and thoughts, and His love would last always.

So by bringing Jesus out of the Church and into our homes we will want to be loving, kind and thoughtful all the time. The "spirit of Christmas" will not be lost after the Christmas tree is taken away and presents grow old, but it will last forever and ever.

CHRISTMAS

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The one star above the Inn was shining as brightly as ever. Then Ruth saw Mother coming along the road with Father. She noticed, as they came nearer, that they looked very happy, as if they had heard good news. Ruth ran to meet them. Mother lifted her up in her arms.

"Ruth," she said quickly, "a wonderful thing has happened tonight. A little Baby has been born in the stable at the Inn. There was no room in the Inn for His Mother, only in the stable, so she had to use the manger (where the animals' food is put) as a cradle."

"But He is no ordinary baby," Ruth's father interrupted. "He is God's own Son. Listen, and I will tell you."

Then they all sat down on a low bench as Father continued the story.

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l the rest. It shone right here ver Bethlehem. And as we looked seemed as if Heaven opened nd a great and wondrous light lled the sky. . . ."

"I saw it—I saw it," cried Ruth xcitedly.

"And there came angels who lled the air with music," Ruth's ather went on. "They sang: Glory to God in the highest: and n earth, peace to men of good ill.' And we were afraid at first nt an angel came and said to us: 'ear not, for behold I bring you ood tidings of great joy, that nall be to all the people. For his day is born to you a Saviour ho is Christ, the Lord—'."

"A baby King?" Ruth asked ith wonder.

"Why yes," said her father. And His name is Jesus—the essiah who was promised."

Ruth was silent for a moment inking.

"The angels told us we should nd Him lying in the manger and e hurried to see. We opened ne stable door and we saw God's onderful gift—a little new-born Baby lying in the clean hay," and her father smiled.

"And did you give Him the lamb you were carrying for a present?" asked Ruth.

Her father nodded.

"But you must go to bed now, Ruth," said Mother. Ruth didn't mind and she lay happily down thinking of the Baby King all snug and warm in the soft, sweet-smelling hay.

And then Ruth remembered that it was her birthday, for she had quite forgotten about it. It was quite the loveliest birthday she had ever had. She would never forget the Day that the Baby Jesus was born in the stable of the Inn at Bethlehem.

* * *

Ever since that first Christmas day, Jesus' birthday has been remembered, and today, all over the world, girls and boys and grown-up people celebrate it and recall the angels' message: "For this day is born to you a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

—*From "Child Education"*

Friendship Sunday

Friendship Sunday was celeated in Ottawa between Canaian and United States Churches ith special services on Sunday, ctober 18th. Five Ottawa clergyen exchanged pulpits with an qual number of clergymen from yracuse.

In Syracuse on Monday the eneral Ministerial Association ad the Ottawa ministers as their uests at a luncheon. The visitors ovided the programme, and ave information about The nited Church of Canada. There as keen interest in the subject.

In Ottawa, congregations enyed getting the background of e Syracuse Churches, particurly those that carried the name United."

It was generally regarded as an xcellent experiment in good eighbourliness. J. R. M.

Presbytery

Bonavista Presbytery. Laying two Church cornerstones, and e induction of a new minister ere the highlights of an otherise routine session of the Bonasta Presbytery of the United urch.

Meetings were held at Lumsden orth, September 23 and 24. The siting delegation was met at lovertown and taken by the ission Boat "The Messenger" to ewtown and from there by cars Lumsden North.

First duty of the presbytery as the laying of the cornerstone r the new Church at Lumsden orth, Rev. A. B. LeGrow, minter. A service was held in the urch conducted by the chairman Presbytery, Rev. L. H. Perry.

Lay Cornerstone at Newtown

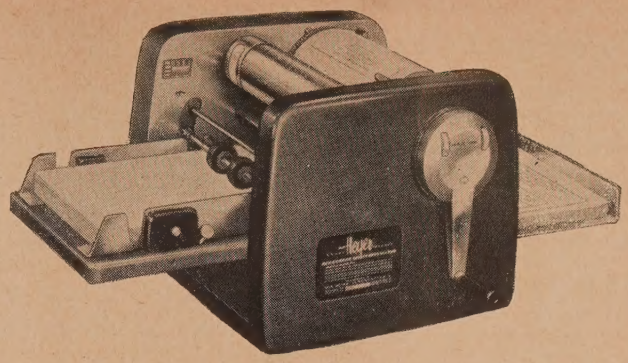
Next day the business of Prestery was transacted in the orning. Later, the delegation otored to Newtown to lay the rnerstone of a new Church. (The Church at Newtown was blown down by the winds in the early winter and the people were anxious to have a new Church.) The population in Newtown has increased in the past year with people from two other United Church congregations, Cape Island and Pinchards Island. These three congregations have worked together wonderfully well and have the Church under construction. The service was largely attended and was conducted by Mr. Perry, assisted by other ministers of the Presbytery. The statement as to the beginning and the construction of the Church was read by the minister of that town, Mr. LeGrow. The service for the cornerstone laying was conducted by Mr. Perry, other ministers assisting.

Oldest Resident Present

The documents were placed by the oldest resident of Newtown, Mr. Samuel Barbour, who is still active in the Church affairs of the community. The Church was named "Trinity United Church" because of the three congregations of Cape Island, Pinchards Island and Newtown uniting together.

The members of Presbytery then motored to Wesleyville for public service and the Induction service of the new minister, Rev. John Vardy. The service was conducted by Rev. L. H. Perry, assisted by Rev. A. Kelloway, Rev. William Stanford and Rev. Lewis Snow.

Yarmouth Centre, Ontario, attempted a Vacation School for the first time this year, under the direction of Mrs. Scott Milley. Thirty children attended most successful sessions. The usual programme was carried out, and at the conclusion of the School parents and friends viewed the craft-work and heard the children sing and present chorally Psalm 100. Rev. A. H. Johnson showed pictures.



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The Class Meeting on Sunday was largely attended, was conducted by Mr. Cameron, and then addressed by Rev. G. V. Levan; after which the Club's two lovely windows in the Memorial Chapel were admired, in brilliant sunshine. Refreshments were enjoyed and the evening service attended. Rev. G. Stanley Russell, D.D., preached a sermon specially prepared for the occasion.

A social gathering was held on the Monday evening, presided over by the president, Mrs. Lily Walshe, who welcomed the members and guests. Dr. Russell gave an address. There was a reading by Mr. Cameron, and a very enjoyable sing-song, conducted by an "old-time" member, Mrs. Mary Dunning.

Congratulations were received from the Church Session and from absent members, including Mrs. Louis O. Breithaupt, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, with the hope expressed that "Norema-C's" "excellent service might long be continued."

MUSIC

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presents which have been made specially for the little folk who live just beyond the village limits, and hope that Santa Claus will make a visit to them. And when Bernard's box is full of money, don't worry about where the money is going; just leave it to Wendy Hall, who knows where it is most needed. Some day after Christmas is over she will tell you how it was spent, so that will be another surprise!

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We welcome the following new members to our Circle: Catherine Brant (13), 98 Bannockburn Ave., Toronto; Ruth Ireland (16), R.R. No. 3, Brighton, Ont.; Ruth Anne Guernsey (11), 2264 Prospect Avenue, Billings Bridge, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Translation—"The work of Mr. Laubach helped the people here very much and now we want to help other people to have learn with them."

Enclosed in the letter from Mrs. Tucker was $9.25, a gift from Christian women of Africa to help provide a small village library in India.

INDIA

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under Indian leadership, there has been for years a programme of afternoon classes where handcrafts, simple home nursing, the care of children and other matters are taught in a practical and interesting way. Reading and writing are taught incidentally.

The place of adult literacy teaching as an agency for evangelization is also recognized, especially as a great opportunity for the Church in its local community. As an example, in the North-West India area much has been done in encouraging the enthusiasm of Church leaders and members to engage in this work. The atmosphere of friendly service, of Christian love has in many cases brought the pupil into contact with the teacher's Master. "Each one teach one and reach one" is a motto that has worked in practice. Not that every learner becomes a baptized Christian; but teaching to read is one of the Christ-like services that the Church and the individual member can render to India.

Yarmouth Centre (Ont.) carried out a Vacation School this summer attended by over 30 boys and girls and directed by Mrs. Scott Milly. Worship, recreation and crafts were major programme items. At the exhibition of work which completed the School the children presented chorally the 100th Psalm.

Boys' Camp at Miramichi

There were 75 boys at the Intermediate Camp at Miramichi on Lake Huron this summer, with seven junior counsellors. Rev. F. J. Roberts, Durham, was Director and assisting him were Revs. J. H. Richardson, J. P. Cooke, F. G. Balsdon, W. E. Milroy, and G. A. Meiklejohn.

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We rejoice that many are offering their lives for the Christian Ministry and Missionary service. **May the number greatly increase.** We also are happy to report a 12 per cent. increase in givings for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. May we hope that at this Christmas Season many Young People will dedicate their lives, and that **every** member of The United Church of Canada will give more generously so that the Boards of the Church will be able to plan for enlarged service for the winning of Canada and the world for Christ.

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